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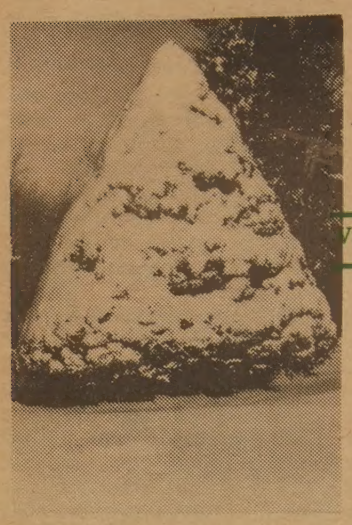

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Materialism at Christmas time was the 'in thing' before Christ

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Ancient Roman pagans had an interesting annual year-end celebration. Every year in the last week of what we call December they held a festival in which they feasted, exchanged gifts, decorated their homes with evergreens and danced in celebration of the "rebirth of the sun."

Materialism around Christmas time did not come in with the television generation; it has been around longer than Christ. People concerned about the lack of religious fervor during the Yuletide should not despair. The birth of Christ is the addition to, not the original cause of, the celebrations at this time of year-a holy day within a holiday.

"It's always been commercial at Christmas time. Kids are more into what's under the tree."

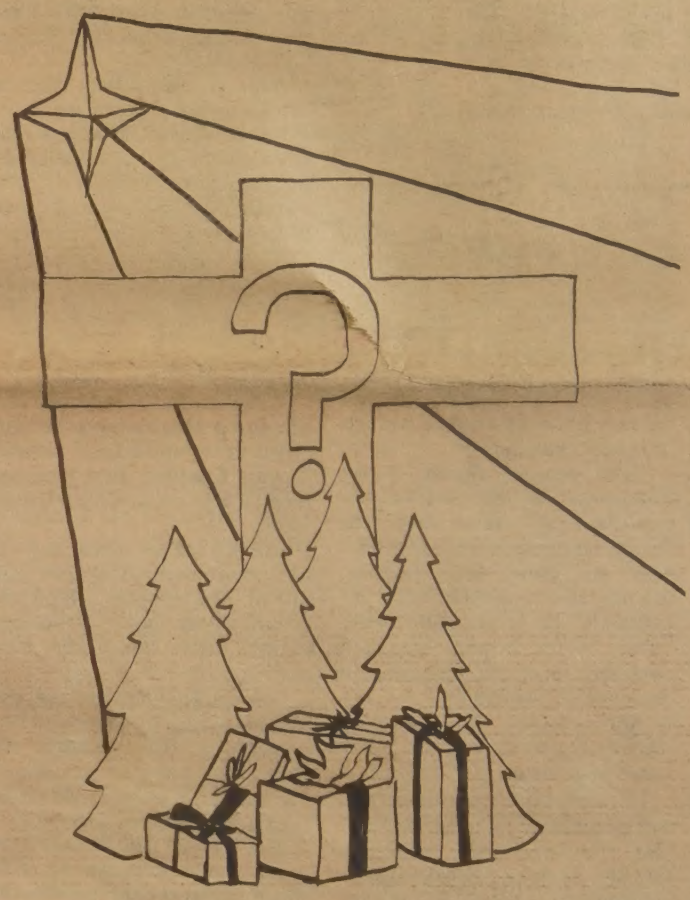
Many complaints have been voiced or written regarding the increasing materialism at Christmas time. Of some 40 students questioned around Niagara College, 22 said they felt Christmas was a significant religious experience for them while 18 said it was not. Many said they were saddened by the fact that the importance of Christ's birth the commercialism of advertisers.

"I have a commercial view at Christmas time because I work in a bar," one student said. "But personally, it's a religious experience shared with my family."

Are these complaints valid? Is the lack of religious celebration a result of commercialism or are there other factors involved? If so what are some of the solutions?

Is it the commercialism or the confusion arising from the combinatiion of too many traditions that is causing this seeming decline of interest in Christ at Christmas time?

The Christmas season as we know it is a conglomerate of many traditions. These traditions derive from customs of many lands, in addition to the Ancient Roman pagan rites, the Roman festival of the Saturnalia (a festival dedicated to Saturn), the tradition of Santa Claus, a mythical figure based on the life of St. Nicholas-and the birth of Christ.



Some people find Christ's birth irrelevant to the festivities at this time of year. This belief is strenghthened by the fact that the actual date for his birth was not agreed upon until the fourth century. The traditions went on just the same.

Had the birth of Christ been separated from the festivities of the winter solstice (celebrating the rebirth of the sun) instead of infiltrating it into existing rites, then maybe a clearer distinction could be maintained today.

When two Niagara students said they wished that the birth of Christ could be removed from the holiday season at the end of December, they were in fact disagreeing with the earlier decision of Christians who decided that the birth of Christ held as the "Light of the World" be made analogous to the rebirth of the sun in order to make Christianity more meaningful to pagan converts. It is perhaps futile to wish that materialism be removed from this time of year. Oliver Cromwell tried to ban the celebrations and for some time it was illegal to celebrate Christmas in England and New England.

With today's children and their Santa Claus, things would be a little different if Christmas celebrations were to be banned.

The Niagara News asked 20 kindergarten students what they thought Christmas was all about. Twelve said it was Santa Claus and presents, two said it was the birth of Christ and six said they

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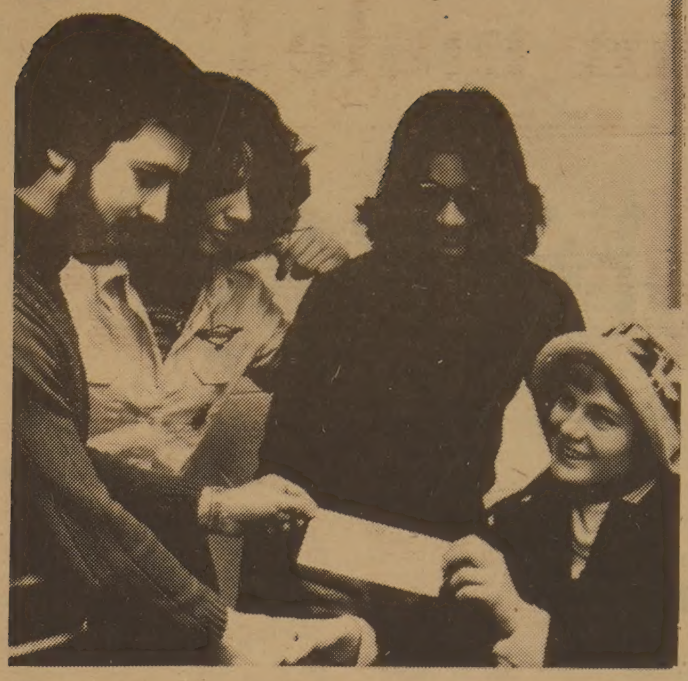
And a Happy New Year



Je vous en prie

The Frenchship Club's financial status is improving. SAC funding and club activities are providing the resources the club needs for various projects it has in mind. Pam Walker, SAC club convener, presents Frenchship club executive members Pat Tancredi, Joanna Smith, and Kasmani Zebruunisa a cheque for the club's budget. The winning ticket in the club's bake sale draw for a Christmas torte was number 262589, drawn by Ernie Reid. The bake sale had a $50 profit. Club president Pat Tancredi called it "the highest profit made by a bake sale at the college."

(Photo by F. Skrzeszewski)

Brawl: boots, blood and beer as the band played on

A bloody fight between a bouncer and guest marred the last pub of the term Nov. 30.

Eyewitnesses who wish to remain anonymous told the Niagara News a fight broke out and the guest ended up on the floor with a nose injury gushing blood. Two witnesses said they saw the guest being kicked in the head after he was down.

"I saw the guy going down and the other guy started kicking him in the head," one witness said. Another witness said he went over "to stop the guy from kicking the other guy," when four bouncers stopped him saying the fight was one on one.

Al Aboud, director of student services, said in an interview he talked to two eyewitnesses when he investigated the incident. "There was a fight and it was subdued; unfortunately a boy was struck on the nose and there was a lot of blood," he said. Asked if he felt there was any truth to the rumor that someone was kicked in the head, Mr. Aboud said, "A boy was kicked once when he was down according to what I was told." Mr. Aboud declined to release the names of the participants or the witnesses he had questioned.

A witness who "took a look and got out of there" said there was a lot of blood "gushing over the place like a fountain."

Contacted by the Niagara News, Fred Bassi said one person had a bloody nose. "I stopped the bleeding on it and his buddies took him home," he said. Mr. Bassi said the guest involved was not a Niagara student. He said in about 63 pubs in which he has been involved, if ever there was a fight, it was always a guest against a student of the college — never two students.

"Sometimes a guest tries to step out of line and cause aggravation for the people who work there," he said.

Mr. Bassi explained that people who work at the pubs try to collect the paper cups as they are emptied to discourage the building of pyramids, a favorite pastime at pubs. Beer is dispensed in paper cups to prevent glass breakage. After a pyramid is built, people throw empty cups at it to try to knock it down. This can escalate into throwing other things like cups half full of beer, Mr. Bassi said.

Asked about rumors that someone put the boots to the guest, Mr. Bassi said a fight started and more than one person got involved. "Two other people who work there helped the guy and somebody got jumped on." People piled on top and someone may have got kicked in the pile-up, he said. "No one put the boots to anyone that I know of."

Mr. Bassi said when he sent the injured guest home, he asked to be contacted the next day if his nose was broken, but no one got in touch with him. "He had a mark on his nose — a lot of blood spurted out."

Reports from other students were that the guest's nose must have been broken, that there was a lot of blood around and that one person involved is a "known fighter."

"He didn't start it but he finished it," was the comment from one witness.

Higher fees will hurt foreigners

Higher tuition fees "aren't fair" but many non-Canadians will continue their education; some foreign students at Niagara College said.

A nation-wide survey taken by the Canadian Bureau for International education found that more than half the foreign students could not continue their education in Canada if costs increase by $750.

Because most foreign students at the college are supported by their parents, many will be able to stay if the fees increase.

SO EXPENSIVE

Few students expected Canada to be so expensive because "we'd never been here before," Yasmin Kasmani, first year secretarial arts student from Kenya said.

The Guyana government won't allow more than $3,000 per year out of the country, Rajendra Tiwari, first year technology student from South America, said.

Foreign students are not permitted to work in Canada so they depend on their parents and permission must be granted by the country's bank to let money be sent out of the country.

The bureau said the education costs would increase by $750. Many students said it is discriminatory to have to pay such an amount.

"I understand they must make us pay, but not that much," Michelle Lee-Lung, second year bilingual secretary, from Trinidad, West Indies, said.

Most of the students will go back to their home countries when they finish taking their courses.

All the students would recommend others to come to Canada. There are more things available here and Canadians have an easier life, Michelle said. She said she wished it could be like this for everyone.

Friendly people and the cold weather stands out most in their minds when thinking of Canada.

16 letters charge article chauvinistic

The highest number of male nursing students ever to attend the Mack School of Nursing may be breaking new ground but a Niagara News article about them has created an uproar among women staff members concerned with equal job opportunities.

"Chauvinistic," "traditional male attitudes," "We're right back to square one," were some of the comments in 16 letters sent to Gail Hilyer, women's adviser to the president, by irate female staff members.

The Nov. 14 Niagara News quoted the male students as saying that though female nurses are finding jobs scarce in Canada, men are in demand. As well, "There is demand for men in the administrative sections of the hospitals," John Deyell was quoted as saying.

The male nurses were quoted as saying the nursing profession provides a number of specialty jobs for male nurses including work in emergency, psychiatry and neurology.

First year student Jeff Atherton said, "Another reason we do well in the job market is because the hospitals know that it is our primary income, not secondary, and that we are aiming towards advancement and promotion."

Fred Habermehl, dean, school of health sciences, said in a letter to the editor of the Niagara News some of the comments carried "an expression of sexist bias." He said it is not true that male nursing students are more in demand for jobs in Canada.

In an interview later, Mr. Habermehl said he had been surprised because "there was no reaction to the article among female nursing students or members of my staff."

Meanwhile, Ms Hilyer, who is active in the college affirmative action plan to provide equal job opportunity, said the biggest uproar was caused by the statement that male nurses are more in demand in administrative sections of hospitals.

"The general thrust of the comments in the letters was positive, and shows they (the female staff) think it is super that men are going into nursing, making the profession truly integrated," Ms Hilyer said. "However, they hoped hospitals wouldn't give men preference in hospital administration.

She resented the suggestion that money paid to female nurses must be a "secondary" income.

This statement caused a few comments and one letter stated, "My reaction to the reference that the income of female nurses is secondary — surely one is paid for one's training and experience, not on the basis of one's sex?"

Following are some excerpts from the letters:

"The attitude expressed by the students speaks rather poorly of their concept of equality as it is related to job."

"If they carry this attitude there will be another generation of administrators and employers who will have to be re-educated."

"The only concern for any position is people's ability."

"They exhibit all the traditional attitudes although they are in a non-traditional profession."

"The nursing program shows an attempt by the college to eliminate discrimination, but the statements are incredibly chauvinistic."

"If they want to be hospital administrators, they're in the wrong course."

"We're right back to square one."

And a very positive statement — "It's a great example of breaking down old stereotypes. Hurray for people's lib."

Not till New Year

The general meeting of the Student Administrative Council (SAC) scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 6, was cancelled. The next meeting will be in January.

Christmas

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didn't know what it was all about even after the teacher explained *to them a week before the* importance of the religious side of Christmas.

The students and staff interviewed around the college, whether they said they felt religious or not, felt the most important fact of Christmas is that it draws families together, families that are separated both physically and spiritually most of the year. Several Niagara students said: "It's not really religious for me but it is the only time my family goes to church as a whole."

"I don't think of the religious part of it. It's more important for me to be with my family, the ones I love. It's the only time we try to show our love for one another."

"Christmas is more of an occasion for the family. We have a family project of trying to bring back the meaning of Christmas at home."

"There is a lot of love and affection when the family gets together at Christmas time."

What does being religious around Christmas actually mean to people?

Opinions differed as to what religious behavior involves. Many students questioned said they felt more religious but didn't get involved in a church service of any sort. They channelled their feelings in the family gatherings saying they felt a ritualistic flavor around the home.

Other students go to church. Some make a yearly visit to the church they officially belong to; some go all year and just continue their habit.

"No one can be a good Christian alone." Anthony Inneo, pastor at St. Mary's Roman Catholic church in Welland, said. "You must join in the Christian community and go to church. The idea of being a good Christian without the Church is absolutely wrong."

"Those that come out once or twice a year are not members *but followers," Father M. Kry*vych of the Holy Trinity Ukrainian Orthodox church in Welland said.

"If they come they show faith — they must believe," Father Inneo said.

Most Niagara students are not so firm in their convictions but still said they felt religious. Early scripture says "wherever two or three are gathered in my name, I (Christ) am there."

The actual giving of gifts, considered by some people around the college as an aberration of the Christian notion of Christmas, may not be as commercially oriented as some say. Some sources say the tradition of gift-giving stems from the act of God giving His son to mankind to ensure their salvation. The Christian code of loving thy neighbor as thyself is never more evident than around Christmas.

Certainly many people make a lot of money around Christmas, some even because of the birth of Christ (Christmas cards) but likewise some people make money because human armpits tend to produce an odour. Is one more immoral or ridiculous than the other?

"As a kid all I was interested in was what was under the tree. If you believe in Santa Claus it takes everything out of religion."

By separating the birth of Christ from the feast of St. Nicholas, a gift-giving saint, the religious significance is maintained. Several countries celebrate St. Nicholas day on Dec. 6 and exchange gifts at this time whereas Christmas itself is a solemn religious event.

It would seem that most of the practices and traditions performed around Christmas are not religious at all, nor were thy intended to be. If each tradition is left in its own context then a person can enjoy both the festivities and the birth of Christ.

But we didn't mean male!

Gail Hilyer criticizes 'Man'agement comm.

By BRENDA FREURE

The Niagara News was caught with its pants, oops, its pantyhose, down.

Gail Hilyer, chairperson, applied arts extension, was concerned with the word "man" used in the story, "Set qualifications for new NC pres." in the Dec. 2 Niagara News.

GAIL HILYER

Paragraph three of the story read: "The committee is seeking a man with a broad cultural background, a man with integrity, the ability to be open and honest and a decision-maker with the capacity to relate to students in both their social and cultural needs at the college."

"If we equate that president equals man all the time, that's what we come to believe," Ms Hilyer said. "Consciously we don't think that, but unconsciously we do.

When the president is dealing with a large number of female employees and students, he has to respond to — you see, I just said it, 'he'," she exclaimed.

Ms Hilyer pointed to the front page of the Niagara News special edition which she said exemplified the problem at the college. The front page included pictures of members of the management committee, and not one woman is on the team.

Fashion Arts instructor Louis Berai has written a letter to the editor in this edition also protesting against the preconception implied by use of the word.

Ms Hilyer said, "It is important to be sensitive to the general needs of both female and male employees; it is so easy for all of us to fall into using this language so fast.

"Let's be careful of the language we use and say what we mean. Language isn't important to some people, but it is recognized as one of the socializing agencies and it is my opinion that it has more impact than we are aware of."

She said language had an impact on stereotyping. She used examples such as looking for a strong boy to help move a table or a girl to help tidy up.

"It's just important that we get the best person, the most qualified and the person most sensitive to the needs of the college," Ms Hilyer said. "It is important to pick a person as an individual, not because he is a man or a woman."

Sneak poll of committee proves to be inconclusive

The all-important question in these consciousness-raising days of heightened awareness is: could there be a bias in the minds of those choosing a new president for Niagara, a bias in favor of a man?

The Niagara News, blushing that it had been caught printing such a bias, conducted a sneak poll among members of the presidential selection committee to find out. But the results were inconclusive.

Of 10 people polled, four referred to the future president as "he," four punctiliously used terms like "he or she," "the person" or "someone," and two could not be determined.

All were asked what qualifications they thought a president must have.

G. H. Hamilton started off by saying, "they" would have to have a good academic background, but later on called for "a good man" to fill the position.

Margaret McGregor said: "He would have to be a crackerjack administrator." Probably more sensitive to the women's right question than others — or perhaps smelling a rat in the question — Mrs. McGregor later called back and stressed total equal opportunity as important and called for "someone" who would further equal opportunity.

Culprits in the sex-discrimination poll were student council president Brian Rohe, A. P. McIntee, W. H. Burton and H. B. Picken.

Congratulations to the following scourgers of sexism: E. F. Stranges, who said "person," D. R. Wilson, who said "someone," as did Glen Pevere, and A. F. Custode for his "he or she."

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Help a needy child!

Mrs. Lucille Kelly holds Rodney Vandenbelt, 2, while he looks on in delight at the Christmas tree in the library which was still bare of gifts at press time. The tree was erected in an attempt to convince students to donate toys or canned goods to underprivileged children in the area. Students wanting to make donations have until Dec. 16 to place them under the tree, or at the Student Administrative Council [SAC] office. (Photo by Newell)

Niagara break even? president optimistic

Mr. Manera is optimistic that Niagara will be able to conclude the year on a break-even basis, states the report of the president to the board of governors, from the Nov. 24 meeting.

There are a number of unknown factors that can alter the balance, but the most important factors are salary increases for faculty and support staff which have not been settled.

Post-secondary operating revenue is expected to increase by about five per cent in 1978/79. Revenue for retraining programs, which was initially expected to increase by about two per cent, could increase as high as six per cent according to information the treasurer has received.

Parking socked in

Last week's snowstorm socked in the NC parking lots on Monday and Tuesday, making finding a spot without banging into someone else a chancy task for the small number of students who showed up for school.

The college closed at 2 p.m. Monday afternoon as the storm grew in intensity, and at 4 p.m. Tuesday. By that time most students had already left for the day, those who could move their cars.

Jack Spittle, the manager of property and plant at the college, said he knows the equipment is not up to the job of clearing away a major snowfall. The firm that has the removal contract for the college uses three ¾-ton pick-up trucks to remove the snow, and they are too light for a storm like last week's.

"We had one storm like this last year," said Mr. Spittle. "Prior to that since '68, nothing."

Mr. Spittle said there's no contingency plan besides the regular snow removal service because "we have to keep an eye open for the dollars."

Despite the tight budget, Mr. Spittle called in a front-end loader Tuesday afternoon to clean up the snow because he thought the smaller plows had done an unsatisfactory job. It was too late to help those who had shown up in the morning though.

Student council president Brian Rohe said the condition of the lots showed "a total lack of responsibility towards the students."

John Jocsak, an instructor in the school of business, said that when "students have to fight their way in from many miles the college could have the foresight to provide parking facilities, and if not could at least extend the courtesy of letting them know the situation in time."

Students who arrived early and parked in the lower lot that had been cleared didn't have any

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Winter fun close by and free in peninsula

By ANNITA NEWELL

If weekend ski packages, flying trips to Florida and the latest in snowmobile equipment are all pipe dreams as far as your budget is concerned, don't despair. A quick check around the peninsula will prove that lots of winter fun is close by and free.

Skating is a traditional pastime in the peninsula and several ponds in the area are free to anyone with a pair of skates and warm clothes. Jordan Harbour at Jordan, Martindale Pond in St. Catharines, Fireman's Park in Niagara Falls, Beaverdams pond and Decew are but a few of the ice surfaces on public property. A drive around the back roads in the peninsula will uncover at least a dozen small ponds where freezing weather and a pair of skates are the only things needed for a day of fresh air, fitness and fun

The City of Niagara Falls has constructed an outdoor ice surface for free public skating at the Dr. Fingland Centre on Drummond Road. No hockey will be allowed there; it will be for skaters only and will be kept frozen with an ice-maker even on milder days.

All the enclosed arenas in the peninsula offer public skating at nominal fees when hockey teams are not on the ice.

With the emphasis placed on fitness these days walking and hiking are becoming more popular. The Niagara peninsula still has a lot of open countryside for walking, especially in the south of the peninsula from Fort Erie to Dunnville.

Suprisingly, wildlife still abounds in the rural areas. Silence and patience may be rewarded by the sight of a deer or a red fox.

Surprisingly, wildlife still abounds in the rural areas. Silence and patience on a winter walk may be rewarded by the sight of a deer or a red fox. Squirrels and rabbits can be seen scurrying about even within city limits, and blue jays, cardinals, chickadees and sparrows are busy and visible all winter here.

The Bruce Trail is open from Queenston to Tobermory, and offers walking and hiking trails for beginners and experienced hikers. The Queenston end of the trail is a fine place for a leisurely stroll where the trail is well-marked and easy.

Other areas for exploring on foot include Ball's Falls, Decew, St. John's Conservation Area and Rockway, all west of St. Catharines. Besides their natural beauty, these places have historic buildings, some still preserved as a means of looking into the past.

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Snow job

Caught napping

The administration of the college has evolved an intricate little scheme to decide whether the college should be opened during or after a big storm. It didn't want to get burned twice, not after last year's debacle. The scheme works like this: Six people, two from Niagara Falls, two from Welland, and two from the St. Catharines area, get up in the morning, look out their windows and see whether the roads outside their houses are clear or not.

They phone their reports in to the person who makes the decision on closing, A. S. Manera, college president, or in his absence the senior academic officer, in this case Dr. William Stuart.

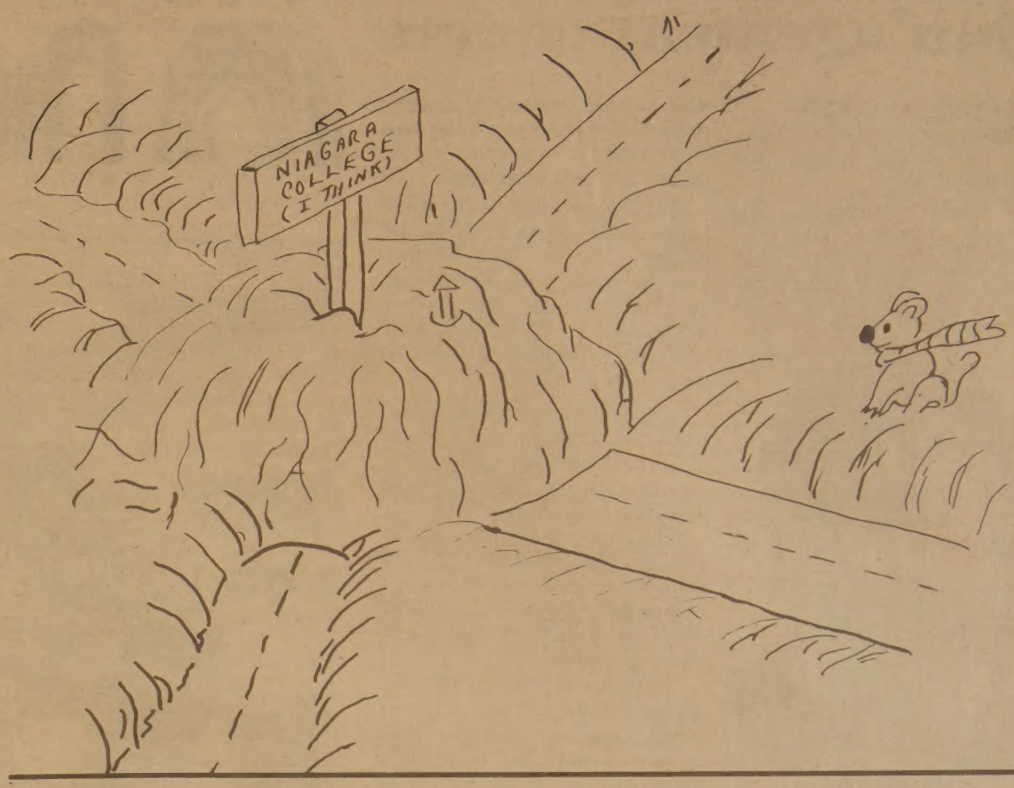
Based on their eyewitness reports of their front yards, and weather bulletins from the police, the man in charge makes the decision.

The trouble with the way it's organized is that nobody actually knows what conditions at the college are. It's great to know that the roads leading to the main campus are clear from Niagara Falls in the south, to Hamilton in the north, but if the college itself is snowed under and there's no parking space, a lot of people are going to be less than content.

That was the situation at Niagara last Tuesday morning. Local radio stations announced that all campuses of Niagara College were open. But those brave souls who ventured forth found the parking lots buried and impassable. Some people drove around for as much as three-quarters of an hour seeking a place to leave their cars. Brock University, on the other hand, announced that it would be closed that day because the parking lot was not cleared.

At Niagara, a simple phone call to the security guards at the college would be enough. They spend the whole night at the school and patrol the lots, so if anybody knows about the progress of snow removal, they will.

Rob Kelly



Lecture more and talk less

Announcements from the provincial government illustrate the inertial crisis that educational institutions have come to in terms of available money. While this is basically an economic problem gripping the nation as a whole, the state of the economy dictates certain criteria to schools of higher learning; witness the cost-conscious corner-cutting most schools (probably all) are subjecting themselves to.

The student placement level of Niagara College is commendably high but since the main thrust of government policy is to save money, there's a situation in the college that demands closer scrutiny.

The way elective instructors present their material to classes is not generally regulated. It should be. The writer has sat through 20-minute digressions from course material while elective teachers indulged themselves in off-topic soliloquies ranging from the war of 1812 to crime and punishment in the Third World.

Interesting enough if one is not familiar with these practices, but not the point of the lecture.

Electives in general seem to appeal to the lowest common denominator. A lot of people could get all they're ever going to get out of them in a four-week accelerated program, or by handing in assignments based on reading material. For these people to attend lectures three times a week is pointless. Many people in the last year of their program view the electives as an infringement on their time that must be tolerated for the sake of a diploma.

The idea of trying to round out a person's education isn't wrong; it's just the way it's implemented that is.

The emphasis on the colleges is to consolidate, to skip luxuries. We can't afford to have people wasting time in classes, because they are wasting time, and because it promotes an attitude that we as a people cannot afford.

The following suggestions may ring of infringement upon freedom of speech, but they're merely a way of forcing individuals to adhere to rules that one expects any member of the work force to follow. That is, to produce a certain product or service in return for remuneration.

All instructors should be forced by law or college policy to lecture for the first 35 minutes of their classes, unless they have scheduled the class as a work session to complete specific assignments. Questions would be accepted at the end of the lecture period. Those who don't feel they need further clarification of the material would be free to leave at this point.

The intention here is not to incriminate teachers, many of whom do a good job. Some have a talent for concise speaking that makes most points clear in the first place. Almost all are warm and personable individuals and, sadly, that is why they fall into the conversation-over-lecture trap. It is understood that they are trying, but some require the guidance of a set policy in this matter, as we all do in so many other things.

Rob Kelly

Christmas:

The world's great folk festival

By JULIE MORRIS

From the first recounting of the story of the Nativity, man has fashioned endless variations — not only in words, but in art, song, dance and drama — and has even created special symbolic holiday foods. Customs of all lands have been added through the centuries, making Christmas today the greatest folk festival in the world.

The English adapted many older folk festivals to their Christmas. In the Middle Ages, English Christmases were times of hilarity and good cheer; vast banquets and pageantry celebrated the occasion. It was in this period that the idea of the Lord of Misrule reached its greatest expression. A common person or a servant of a great lord was chosen to rule with absolute authority during the Christmas season, and often his "rule" resulted in uncontrolled frivolity. The tradition may have originated during the Santurnalia when slaves became the equals of their masters.

Burning the Yule log was adapted to English custom from the ancient Scandinavian practice of kindling huge bonfires in honor of the winter solstice. The idea of using evergreens at Christmas time also came to England from pre-Christian northern European beliefs. Celtic and Teutonic tribes honored these plants at their winter solstice festivals as symbolic of eternal life and the Druids ascribed magical properties to the mistletoe in particular. The evergreen holly was worshipped as a promise to the sun's return, and some say that Christ's crown of thorns was made of hollv. Legend tells that the berries were once white, but when the crown was pressed upon Jesus' brow, the drops of blood turned the berries bright red. The Christmas wreath is thought by some to have originated from this legend.

Other well-known Christmas customs orginated in various lands. While there are many ideas about the origin of the Christmas tree, it is widely believed that Martin Luther began the custom in Germany. The sight of an evergreen tree on Christmas Eve with stars blazing above, is said to have made a great impression on him, and he put a similar tree decorated with lighted candles in his home. Some scholars hold that the evergreen tree, a symbol of life to the pagans, became a symbol of the Saviour and thus an integral part of the celebration of His birth.

A well-loved Christmas custom is the singing of Christmas carols. The word "carol" is thought to have orginally denoted a dance accompanied by singing. Thirteenth century Italy is considered the birthplace of the real Christmas carol, and St. Francis of Assisi, who led songs of praise to the Christ Child, is thought to be the father of this custom. St. Francis is also credited with first introducing the creche, or Nativity scene of the Baby Jesus in the manager. Elaborate woodcarved creches, often requiring years of work, are now traditional Christmas symbols.Among the Pennsylvania Dutch, descendants of Bohemian and Moravian setters in the United States, such a scene is called a Putz.

The beloved image of Santa Claus as a fat, jolly bearded old man dervives from St.nicholas, an austere-looking 4th century Christian bishop of Asia Minor, who was noted for his good works. The idea of gift giving associated with this saint spread from Asia Minor to Europe and was brought to the United States by early Dutch setters.

The American writer Washington Irving contributed to the concept of St. Nicholas as a laughing holiday figure and in 1822, Clement Moore composed his visit from St. Nicholas, ('Twas the night before Christmas") with its noted description. But the image of Santa in fur-trimmed dress that ultimately captured the imagination was drawn in the United States by the cartoonist Thomas Nast in 1863.

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The small British Crown Colony of Hong Kong has a population of over four million.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Don't stereotype nurses: dean

The Editor,
Niagara News.

The **Niagara News** of November 14 contained an interesting article about the present group of male nursing students. We were pleased that emphasis was placed on the fact that nursing is not an exclusively female occupation. In making that point, however, some of the comments carry an expression of sexist bias that I would like to comment on.

Students sometimes enter College programs not knowing "what they are getting into." Any student who has had previous experience in health care, whether male or female, is better prepared for the clinical aspects of the program.

There is no evidence that male graduates are more in demand for jobs in Canada than women and to say that this is the case is to accuse hospitals of breaching the law relating to equal opportunity.

Not all male nurses are interested in moving to administrative positions and many would be unhappy in such a position. Conversely, many female nurses consider their salary to be a primary income. To perpetuate the stereotypes in these statements is very unfair to the many nurses, both the males who prefer to work on a floor, and the females who have become very efficient administrators.

While there have been male students in Nursing Eduction for many years and currently we have two men on our teaching staff, we are pleased to have a larger group of male students this year. At the same time, as we are attempting to break down the public perception of nursing as a female occupation, however, we do not want to perpetuate the other societal stereotypes of men receiving preferential treatment because they are men. A good nurse is a good nurse whether male or female.

Fred Habermehl,
Dean, School of Health Sciences

OCAP trainee Victoria Campbell, 21, seen here with a friend, is learning all aspects of caring for standard-bred horses at Jacob's Farm, Foss Road, Fenwick. Miss Campbell said she is a graduate of the college theatre arts program but "couldn't find a job."

(Photo by Baago)

Higher fees, work harder

Dear Editor:

I would like to express my support for the raising of tuition fees (Niagara News, Nov. 28). Raising tuition fees will help the student decide whether he or she really wants a college education. At the price of tuition now, students do not decide if they really want a higher education until they are halfway through term and can't handle the work. With higher fees, only the serious students will register and their schooling will mean something to them.

The students who don't do their work are wasting the students' and the teachers' time. A good education should not be free. Students should be made to pay part of their tuition so they will have a responsibility to uphold to themselves. Loans and grants have a tendency to let the student "slack off" and not attend classes. They're wasting someone else's money and they don't care. By spending their own money, they will work harder at increasing their education. I have never seen anybody buy something, and then throw it away.

David Misener,
Mechanical Design Drafting

Expansion good for NC

Dear Editor:

The article in the Nov. 28, 1977, edition, by Rob Kelly, dealing with the expanding of Niagara College, is of great interest to me. The expansion of sports facilities — a new hockey arena, an indoor swimming pool, and squash courts — will develop better school teams. In turn, this will attract more students to come out and watch school activities.

A large percentage of the students eat in the cafeteria each day, and come rain or snow they have to walk at least 100 yards from the Simcoe Building to the Black Walnut Building. Therefore, the building of a covered walkway is essential and should be constructed as soon as possible. As for the other buildings such as a new theatre complex, the college will have to wait until enough money is raised. Since the public will be using the sports facilities, it should be a combined effort to raise the money.

The expansion will attract many new students to Niagara College, making it a bigger and one of the better colleges around.

Carlo Tiano
Mechanical Design Drafting

Not on teat: students

Dear Editor,

In regards to Mr. Morgan's letter, Niagara News, Nov. 28, about students "getting off the teat," I would like to say a few words to this Senior College Master. What kind of garbage does he think we will swallow?

We, the students, have invested time and money into a course that we are interested in and are willing to put forward whatever is necessary to achieve our our diploma. We are not asking to be spoonfed; all we want is to be met halfway.

We came to college to get a better education, not play games with the instructors — trying to decipher what is right and what is wrong.

I think it is time Mr. Morgan opened his eyes. He's been blinded by the light too long; all we want is our fair share.

Rick Carter
Drafting student

Rusted art?

To the Editor
Re: Garbage or Art

(Niagara News, Nov. 28) I'm glad to see someone has commented on the so called "art work" in Manera Court.

Being a first year student at Niagara, I have been very impressed with the architecture of the college, but to walk through the court yard and look at that "masterpiece" is not that inviting.

In the first place an object which has color, movement, and texture is what I believe attracts people.

The first impression I received when I looked at the "art piece" was that it was rusted and had a grotesque appearance. Because of this "sculpture", Manera Court is definitely not a "sight for sore eyes."

I believe that many students in the college could create "a masterpiece" which could replace the one presently standing in Manera Court.

Leo Lupul,
Mechanical Design Drafting

Equal rights for women

To The Editor:

I notice in your Dec. 2 Special Edition, under "Set Qualifications for New NC Pres.," the

I find, as A MAN, that statement an insult to women committee is seeking A MAN with a broad cultural background — A MAN with integrity.

or does it mean the committee is so "narrower-minded" that they could think a woman wouldn't have the above-mentioned qualities to be a president?

How about Judy Lamarsh for president!

Louis Berai
Fashion Arts

Teachers' methods differ

Dear Editor,

I disagree with Mr. Morgan's letter (Niagara News, Nov. 28) concerning students who rely on teachers to guide them through college.

Mr. Morgan poses the question, "Is not the teacher's prime responsibility to break the student's dependency on his instructor and get him inquiring for himself?" This question is debatable. Only a couple of teachers have left me with the attitude of reliance.

Mr. Morgan also stated; "A teacher's expertise in methodology serves as a means for driving home necessary information." I personally disagree with this statement because not all teachers have the means and the correct methods of getting through to all students.

Mr. Morgan's statement, "There has to be a mixed bag of straights and oddballs, of methodologists and wafflers in the college faculty," is obviously true. Mr. Morgan must also realize that there is also a "a mixed bag of straights and oddballs" within the student body. Teachers appeal differently to each student. Not all students will agree or disagree with the teacher's method of "driving home necessary information."

Yours truly,
Jean Drouin

Ministry disagrees

OCAP grad critical, program debatable

A trainee employed through the Ontario Career Action Program (OCAP) earns $100 per week which is "not just a source of cheap labor," according to John Lynch, manager of student-staff relations, ministry of colleges and universities.

However, a recent OCAP graduate, Rodney Page, 20, who trained in the maintenance department of Niagara College for six months, disagreed when he said, "I like the work, but there's not enough money."

The provincially funded OCAP program was launched in 1976 to provide young people aged 16 to 24 with valuable first job experience. Besides on-the-job training, the program provides experience in employment-related areas, such as how to get a job, keep a job, writing resumes and going for interviews.

Mr. Page, who is now temporarily employed with maintenance in the college, was critical of the program's $100 per week salary, "there is hardly anything left after they deduct income taxes, unemployment insurance, and Canada Pension."

Ron Etchier, 17, a trainee for two months in maintenance, agreed with him. "I'm learning a lot. I enjoy it, but money-wise, it's kind of heavy."

However, the program was not designed to be just a source wages. Mr. Lynch, speaking at an October meeting of the council of regents and student council representatives at Niagara, said, "Part of the employer's responsibility is to draw up a very formal training program and series of evaluations."

Meanwhile, Mr. Page, whose previous employment included work at Northside Dairy and Welland Tubes, questioned the value of the training aspect of the program. "As far as the training, goes, on any new job you have to learn what it's all about," he said.

"When you go somewhere and tell them you've been on this program, I don't think it means anything."

Mr. Page, who was unemployed for a year before being accepted as an OCAP trainee, was also critical of the program's aim to provide jobs. "I think it's taking a lot of work away from other people," he said. "The program is not creating any jobs. The jobs are already there. For instance, OCAP students are taking two jobs here at the college in the maintenance department."

"The government's intentions are good, but it's getting a little out of hand," he said.

Educational for men also

More courses in women's studies are developing through the efforts of Mrs. Bette Ferguson, co-ordinator of women's studies and counsellor at Niagara College.

The course or courses will help the needs of students, staff and the community.

A women's studies committee was formed with a representative from each school in the college and people from the community. Groups such as National Secretaries, YWCA, business women and public libraries in the community have been contacted to discuss what should be involved to make the course a success.

The course will be open to everyone. "I would like men to be involved; it's as educational for them as it is for women," Mrs. Ferguson said.

The number of courses is not set but wherever it is appropriate, there will be a course, she said.

Mrs. Ferguson attended a two-day conference in Toronto last month sponsored for people involved in women's studies.

She is planning one-day seminars at Niagara to help instructors to better understand women's studies better.

Santa Claus

Once again this year Santa Claus will visit Welland Vale for the children's Christmas party on Dec. 18.

The party is organized every year for the children of Welland Vale students. It will be held in the cafeteria at the Welland Vale centre Sunday afternoon from 2 to 5.

Presents will be distributed to the children by Santa. Funds for the presents were raised by selling raffle tickets, and proceeds from their bake sale.

Teacher pans prophets

There are two schools of thought concerning the problem of populaton growth and the future of planet earth. Unfortunately, only the bleak view advocated by Zero Population Growth (ZPG) and self-proclaimed experts like Paul Erlich is being publicized.

So says John Muggeridge, Canadian Studies instructor, who feels it is time the "equally valid and much more positive view" of the future of planet earth was given the recognition it deserves.

"It is philosophically true that sooner or later mankind will run out of resources," Mr. Muggeridge said. The question is when? Will it be within the next hundred years as ZPG and the rest of the pessimists claim, or will it be a thousand, or even a million years from now?

Mr. Muggeridge referred to figures used by ZPG in predicting the imminent downfall of mankind if population growth is allowed to continue unchecked. Those figures are the result of a Massachusetts Institute of Technology study done in the early 70s, he said. The calculations of that study were recently found to be out by 10 digits.

"You don't often hear that mentioned when the ZPG are quoting their figures," Mr. Muggeridge said. "I'm afraid we are rushing into drastic population policies without examining all the evidence. A study has shown that if the cultivatable land in the world was properly utilized we would be able to support over 15 billion people.

"The present population of the earth could be fitted into the U.S.A. and there would still be population density less than that of Holland, which still manges to export food."

The problem, according to Mr. Muggeridge, lies in the distribution of resources. Drastic measures to reduce population are not going to help in India where so much of the wealth is in the hands of a very few people.

"What the industrialized countries of the west must do is help the Third World help itself through unrestricted foreign aid," Mr. Muggeridge said. "It is a proven fact that when a country becomes prosperous, the birth-rate as a whole declines. Both the United States and Canada are examples of this."

Santa's castle (Photo by Atkinson)

Student gripes can go through channels

Many students have problems and do not know who to go to for a solution.

"Students should know what channnels to go through when they have a complaint about an instructor or a problem with the curriculum," Lillian Mac Pherson, tourism student, said at a recent SAC meeting.

It was suggested that the Niagara News inform the students on the proper procedures if they have a problem.

A curriculum committee was established to give the students in each program the opportunity to make recommendations regarding curriculum and course objectives.

Each committee has two representatives elected at the beginning of each term by the students in their program.

THE INSTRUCTOR FIRST

If a student has a valid complaint about a course, he should first talk to the instructor about the problem. If it is not resolved, then he should go to the curriculum committee which will present it to the chairman of the division. The chairman will talk to the instructor. If the problem is still not resolved, the instructor, student and chiarman will discuss the problem.

"In most cases it never goes beyond this point," Dennis Malone, chairman of the English division, said.

If it does go further, the problem goes into the minutes and is discussed with the dean. The chairman will get back to the instructor in question on the action to be taken.

"In most cases a minor problem can be resolved in one day," Mr. Malone said. "Some more complex problems could take a year to resolve."

Mr. Malone said he may not accept the complaint if it is presented to him by only one student. He said he would require at least two other students to back up the complaint before going to the instructor.

TYPICAL PROBLEMS

Some complaints students might have are: text books which are not relevant to the course or not used enough; assignments may be scheduled with the same due date for different courses, which could cause an overload on the students; a redundancy of material among courses; marking schemes are unclear and course objectives are not explained properly.

If the student has a complaint about an instructor he/she will follow the same procedure but will by-pass the curriculum committee and go right to the chairman of the division with the problem — but only after first talking to the instructor.

A student who may feel awkward about talking to the instructor may go directly to the chairman.

The reverse can also happen. "If an instructor has a problem student he will go through the same procedure to resolve his problem," Mr. Malone said. "Only his problem is easier to handle."

Clubs seeking top book titles

Any well-read students who would like to prove print is not dead should contribute to a new book list being compiled by John Giancarlo, dean of applied arts.

"What I'm looking for are truly outstanding books that people feel are so significant that they're worth recommending to the student body," Mr. Giancarlo said."I'm sure that there are more than enough well-read students at Niagara willing to contribute to the list."

Interested students can drop off their submissions at the applied arts office, S210 on the second floor of the Simcoe Building

Hotel club food

The Hotel Club is going to arrange and prepare dinners from now on for the Student Administrative Council (SAC)

Bill O'Neil, third year hotel student, told a meeting between SAC and satellite representatives in Niagara Falls on Nov.24 that other colleges have their hotel students make all the arrangements for dinners and pubs.

They decided to try to start up the arrangements in January in time for the spring formal.

No dog days... raising Danes

By WENDY CROOKER

Retirement parties, birthday parties, Christmas stockings, making stuffed toys, round-the-clock bottle feedings, house training and dog shows are just a few of the many joys of owning nine great danes.

Pat Ostover and her father, Cyril Chrysler, own and operate Tyradane Kennels in Jordan. Pat also teaches canine studies at the Welland Vale Retraining centre in St. Catharines and has been head of the Family Studies and Art department at Thorold Secondary School for 17 years.

Angel, Gambler, Bacardi, Martini, Encore, Tyrus (Daiquiri), and Champagne make up the name plaques on the nine pen doors at Tyradane Kennels.

Pat, who has always been a dog-lover, started training poodles in obedience and received her first championship certificate in 1971.

"Since I was just a child I always wanted a Great Dane," Pat said. I had a dog book when I was small and the page automatically opened to the Great Dane every time."

The price was what held her back — the average price then started at about $400.

In 1972 an adult male Dane called Tyrus, after whom the kennel was named, became available, and Pat was ready to start on a path that would eventually lead her to own 11 champion Danes. Tyrus went on to become a Canadian champion.

"After we had Tyrus and realized that we would never want any other kind of dog we decided to find him a mate to produce what would be an excellent line of dogs," Pat said. "We knew the pedigree of dog we were looking for and finally found her — Angel."

Angel was bought for $650 and it was "love at first sight" for Angel and Tyrus. "We went to pick her up. Sometimes Danes can be very choosy as to who they let in the car with them, and when Angel showed her nose it was a feeling understood between the two."

"We also showed Angel and she too became a champion." Number two for Pat.

To be considered a champion, a dog must be a "winner dog" enough times to accumulate 10 points. Each time the dog is shown and finishes at the top of its class it receives one point. Points can vary according to the number of dogs entered in each class.

After the dog becomes a champion for life it can be shown as a "special", competing only against other champions. Gambler was shown last summer as a special and won for best breed.

Tyrus and Angel became the proud parents of seven pups, six of which eventually became champions.

For their great achievement and one that is most rare, Angel and Tyrus received the Dog World Award from the United States.

Just after Angel's first litter Pat started taking the canine studies course at Mohawk College in Hamilton and was at the same time approached to teach the course at Niagara College upon her graduation.

"I was taking the course and my father became interested a year later and took the course also," Pat said. "We both graduated from the course and I started teaching the course at Niagara in the fall of 1976."

After Angel's first litter the breeding was repeated a year later and her second litter of seven produced three champions: Martini, Tyrus (Daiquiri) and Encore.

When a litter of pups is born, a vet has to be on call because the Dane will not perform the necessary tasks of cleaning and caring for the pups.

"A 24-hour watch for at least one month has to be set up to bottle feed and care for the pups," Pat said. By the time they are eight weeks old they are house trained.

After her second litter Angel was spayed and a retirement party held in her honor. Linen tablecloth, pink champagne and a party cake with "Happy Retirement Angel" topped the festivity.

"You can't fool a dog as to the time," Pat says, and birthdays and Christmas are always remembered. Each Dane receives his or her own stuffed toy each Christmas with other favorites kept from previous years.

"Danes are very dependent on people, more so than other dogs," Pat said. They need their calcium and vitamins and therefore are on a special diet. Because Pat graduated with a bachelor of science from McGill University and is a dietician she is well-qualified in this aspect of nutrition.

The dogs receive a meal base of macaroni, rice and oatmeal mixed with fresh meat, carrots, cabbage and/or potatoes, onions and mushrooms. They usually eat twice a day.

"It doesn't take long to realize that we live with the dogs, the dogs don't live with us," Mr. Crysler said.

Pat is writing a book on the history of the Dane in Canada since 1889. She expects it will be ready some time next summer.

White-whiskered and completely at ease with any visitors, Angel still remains mother of the kennel. Angel lost her mate in September of this year, but she still casts a ruling eye on all the brood that she is responsible for.

After all this, Pat's views on her favorite breed of dog are unchanged. "A Dane is all I ever thought it would be and more," she said.

Fielding thanks IEEE for help

The Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineering (IEEE) was thanked for its assistance to an elderly person last month.

George Repar, director of counselling services at Niagara College, received a letter from P.S. Fielding, counsellor at vocational rehabilitation services, 110 James St., St. Catharines congratulating the Niagara student chapter of the IEEE . Mr. Fielding said the students were to be commended for the "tremendous service rendered by checking over and repairing the scooter used by the elderly client stricken with multiple sclerosis."

IEEE is an international organization with a chapter at the college providing services and demonstrations

Year round residents

Unlike most ducks, these feathered fowl stay in this Fenwick pond the whole year. (Photo by Kelly)

Niagara AA now has 40 area branches

By MARK MACMILLAN

Alchoholics Anonymous has increased membership from 200,000 to more than a million in the past few years and a recovery rate of about 80 per cent "shows that we are doing something right," says a club spokesman.

AA is a diversified international organization involved now with prison reform, family and teenage counselling, as well as dinner and dance benefits.

There are 40 chapters in the Niagara Region alone and with world wide recognition, there is literally an AA number in every phone book.

Two basic types of meetings are held in the association, most of which are open to the public, where guest speakers and members describe their former drinking struggles and explain how they cope now that they are on the wagon. Even in these meetings anonymity is stressed to ensure a relaxed and protected atmosphere in which a problem drinker can seek help without fear of persecution or embarrassment.

Group therapy is practised in the closed sessions in which a drinking-related topic is discussed by alchoholics alone.

Fifty per cent of the people who come at least once come back full time, said the St. Catharines representative who asked that his name not be used. Of the other 50, 25 per cent return periodically and many of those stay on in the end. The rest have reached the point of no return emotionally but once the seed is planted even those alchoholics can be treated.

There doesn't appear to be any significant change in membership during the Christmas holidays, the spokesman said.

"But we do offer a New Year's dance and provide suppers for those who might not be fortunate to have their own."

AA has worked in conjunction with two new groups that assist the families and friends of alchoholics. Alanon, which has about 12 groups in the area tells people how to recognize and deal with the symptoms and effects of alchoholism. Similarily, Alateens chapters in the area help to guide young people through the problems of family or friends with a drinking problem.

Detention centres in Brampton, Guelph, Thorold and Kingston are frequented by AA representatives to remind the inmates that there is help waiting on the outside, if they need it.

There are no fees or membership dues and AA does not support any political factions. Groups meet in St. Catharines, Welland, Niagara Falls and Thorold nightly. Information can be gained through the St. Catharines outlet and everything is free. The only pressure is on the alchoholic himself, to take the first step toward rehabilitation.

Musical talent soon provided by NC club

A Niagara Music club has been formed and is awaiting ideas and talent to form a band of concerts.

"This type of club is needed at the college as there is no real entertainment other than that at pub night," Vince Giovenazzo, club president and an electrical technicain student, said.

The club is planning to get involved with tours to concerts, musical intertainment for the students.

The music club already has a wide variety of musician-members who play anything from electric violin to flute, or spanish guitar. The vice-president is Stuart Munet; Andy Beesley is secretary, and the treasurer is Bill Yedinak.

"The fact that there have been so many posters around the school pleading for talent shows that there is a need," Vince said, "and we hope to fill that need with our club."

UFOs probably visit earth and will advance mankind

By HEATHER REID

There is the strongest possibility earth is being visited by extra-terrestrial beings which will "provide the greatest single advancement to mankind," says Henry McKay, researcher-lecturer.

Sightings of Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs) iin Canada was topic for discussion in a lecture, film presentation and a question period by Mr. McKay who spoke to the institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE) at Niagara on Nov.25.

In 1968, the air force conducted a scientific study of cases reported to them which was labelled "The Study of Unidentified Flying Objects" or "The Condom Report."

Thirty per cent of the cases were unexplained, but solutions were implied.

ONE CASE

Stephen Mishelak,22, spotted two flying saucers at Falcon Lake, Man. — one landed, one stayed in the clouds. Upon hearing voices from the vehicle, he said: "Come out Yankee boys, and I'll help you with your machine." Mr. Mishelak was blasted with hot air which set his clothes on fire and left hem with a condition similar to leukemia.

An RCMP cruiser refused to stop for Mishelak. "Perhaps I shouldn't talk about the Mounties, they're not in good light these days," Mr. McKay said. Manitoba premier Ed Shryer brought up the case and got a "no comment."

FIND ACID

Anhydrous uric acid was found under a pile of oak leaves, 20 miles north of Trenton, where UFOs had been sighted. Hydrous uric acid is found in bird droppings and sea shell, but a find in this area was so unusual that an investigation was launched.

One might wonder, Mr. McKay said, at the secrecy of a Ferensic Science Report which dismisses the discovery of blue-black oil as tractor oil, but is today not available to the public. Joseph Borda, a Mt. Pleasant farmer, discovered the strange substance within a circle of dying tobacco plants. The previous time he sighted a vehicle which looked like a steel tank.

"I don't think weed (marijuana) was prevalent then," Mr. McKay said. "People who reported seeing UFOs were accused of "drinking too much or having hallucinations and optical illusions."

Hundreds of reports decribed space creatures as small in stature with large chests, long arms and slits for mouths. These humanoids are said not to have lips or vocal cords but inside their mouths are vibrating membranes.

PERFORM DUTY

Extra-terrestrial beings contact individuals at their convenience and "seem to be performing some duty," the speaker said.

The majority of landings are in suburban areas. In one report a UFO landed atop a Montreal apartment building and out stepped a creature into the snow to take in the view.

ANIMALS REACT

"How did your dog behave?" is the first question put to UFO spotters, Mr. McKay said. Animals react before humans.

Radio, television and car ignitions are affected by the electromagnetic disturbance caused by space vehicles which leave behind burn rings and dead vegatation.

Cattle mutilations, probably done by the occult, and the Bermuda Triangle have not been linked to UFOs, although the captain of a pleasure cruise ship disappeared. Life boats were lowered, but the captain was never found.

Most popular of UFO theroies, the one held by Mr. McKay — is that extra-terrestrial vehicles, controlled by more advanced beings, are visiting earth.

Allan Hynek, another researcher and lecturer, says UFOs are a natural phenomena which science does not understand, Mr. McKay said.

Some feel UFOs are a psychic manifestation. This theory "leaves me up in the air," Mr. McKay said because "I can't understand how psychic manifestations could damage vegetation or burn holes in the ground."

Born in Toronto, Mr. McKay's research of UFOs began in 1965 as a Centennial project. He said he is trying to "promote greater understanding to encourage people who have had a close approach to report it."

In 1971 the first course in Canada on UFOs was initiated by Mr. McKay at Centennial College The course included study into astronomy, aeronautics and atmospheric conditions among others.

Anyone who sites a UFO is asked to contact the UFO Research Centre, Post Office Box 427, Station F, Toronto.

OFS meeting

An inquiry about the Ontario Federation of Students (OFS) at the Nov. 22 meeting of the Student Administrative Council (SAC) brought some negative comments from members of the SAC executive.

"Instead of trying to fix things they try to take heads," Brian Rohe, SAC president, said. A student was asking why the OFS had been excluded from an October provincial meeting of students. Brian said several students at the provincial meeting had reported that OFS members disrupt meetings when they sit in as observers.

A vote had been taken to exclude OFS members from the meeting. Asked what the OFS does, Brian replied: "Offhand I can't think of too much they have really done." Greg Bevan, vice-president of external affairs, said the OFS had "made a big effort when tuition fees were increased."

Brian said the OFS is "in about 2½ colleges in Ontario. It would cost about $5,000 for Niagara to join and I haven't been able to see any benefits from joining."

The student asked for the SAC executive's position as a group, but Brian said he could speak only for himself without some further consultation. "I don't agree with what they are doing," he said.

OFS stands for Official Shit Disturbers," Greg said.

Duplicating Dept. $13,000 for update

Niagara's duplicating department has been updated with the purchase of a $13,000 camera plate system which will allow the college to do more of its own printing.

The department now supplies about a third of the college's printing needs, and the installation of the new machine, which reduces images as well as enlarges, "will enable the department to do more work for more people," Mrs. Alice Moss, an off-set printer who operates the machine, said in an interview last week.

The department, staffed by supervisor Gary Kitchen, off-set printer Joanne Stubbins, Mrs. Moss, a part-time employee, provides duplicating services for the college's 400 faculty and staff members, as well as administration.

The big machine, whose size dominates the other equipment in the department, replaces a small, contact plate maker. Now, "The big machine does the same thing as the little machine, but all you have to do is push a button," Mr. Kitchen said.

The busy duplicating department, operates on a year-round basis and is responsible for printing such important items as college diplomas, convocation books and letterhead paper.

The department uses about one million sheets of paper per year, Mrs. Moss estimates, and at the time of the interview, Mrs. Stubbins was churning out next term's time-tables on her machine, the total copy system, while Mrs. Moss' machine, the A. B. Dick 385, was spewing out reams of brochures for the nursing program.

Meanwhile, Mrs. Moss was having trouble printing the nursing brochures. Printed in several steps, they were in the first stage, in which a yellow background for the lettering is put on the front page. The yellow ink was smearing so "I'll have to change the plate," she said.

Breakdowns can be frustrating and time-consuming, and Mrs. Moss said the department staff is responsible for machine maintenance. Right then, some faculty members who came to use the Xerox copying machine informed Mrs. Moss it was not working properly. With a "See what I mean," look, she said, "I just fixed it at lunch-time."

Even so, Mrs. Moss said she printed 9,000 sheets of college letterhead paper the previous morning. Each sheet is cut into four pieces, making a total production of 36,000 sheets of letterhead paper. Not bad for a morning's work!

Wishing you a merry Christmas....

By NANCY LIEBAU

Chocolate Santa like gold

Louella Wolfe has something brewing in her cellar that'll make your tastebuds stand up and cheer.

Two 50-pound tanks filled with melted chocolate send a rich aroma up the cellar steps of her Port Colborne home to linger temptingly beneath your nose as you open the door.

Mrs. Wolfe makes chocolate delicacies which she sells privately and to local pharmacies and variety stores. She began her business in 1948 with her now-retired husband, Charles.

Asked how she became interested in such a tasteful pastime, she said, "After the war, chocolate was in very short supply. I worked behind the candy counter in the Olympian tea room in Welland before it burned down, way back in the 30s. At that time I was young and not interested and that's when I should have kept my eyes open. Anyway, I ordered my first shipment of 100 pounds of chocolate, and I thought that was an awful lot." She smiles warmly before she continues, "Last year I used 4,000 pounds — that's my maximum so far. I don't think we can use any more."

ABSOLUTELY PURE

The counters in her miniature factory are laden with chocolate figurines, coconut and peanut clusters and assorted chocolates. And good news, chocolate-lovers, Mrs. Wolfe's mixture is 100 per cent pure.

"There are synthetic chocolates on the market, but I wouldn't touch them with a 10-foot pole. The chocolate I use is pre-sweetened with milk already in it, and it's made with cocoa butter. And for our peanut clusters, we roast the peanuts ourselves, so you know they're fresh."

Along one wall slabs of chocolate from 50-pound packages are warmed and melted in tanks over water of a temperature no higher than 150 degrees fahrenheit to prevent scorching. The liquid is then transferred to a large pot and placed in a cooling cabinet until the temperature drops to 80 degrees.

"If the chocolate takes too long to dry, it becomes streaked or grey, or if the temperature is too hot, it will turn grey also," Mrs. Wolfe said.

To make hollow figurines, the chocolate is poured into plastic and metal molds selected from a collection ranging in shapes and sizes from a six-inch Volkswagen to a Snoopy that holds three pounds of chocolate. There are about 50 molds in all, many of which are seasonal, for Christmas or Easter.

CHRISTMAS SPECIALS

Mrs. Wolfe said she generally starts making her Christmas goodies at the end of October, creating mouthwatering snowmen bells, Christmas trees and Santa Clauses.

Candy eyes for edible characters are acquired from a firm in Toronto, as "they are more economical than from the States, where I used to get them." These are fastened with icing.

The finished product is packaged either in cellophane bags sealed in a heat sealer which melts a narrow strip of the cellophane, or in boxes. "Packaging is really a big thing, and every year I get new ideas for it," Mrs. Wolfe said.

Recalling the start of her hobby, Mrs. Wolfe siad, "Nobody wanted to be bothered with me. Finally Ken Benson, of General Foods, sent me my first hundred pounds of chocolate and a few months later I sent for my second hundred pounds. At that time, 100 pounds looked like a ton would today. We're handling chocolate like it's gold this year."

LOUELLA WOLFE

By SUE MILLS

Stocking stuffing popular

Christmas shopping lasts all year for Mrs. Doris Brown of Fort Erie, who takes some of the burden from Santa Claus' shoulders.

Mrs. Brown, 75, fills at least 40 pairs of stockings a year. She starts her shopping the day after Christmas and finishes it about a week before Dec. 25.

"Each year I usually have to add one or two more to my list," she said. This year it's another greatgrandchild. Mrs. Brown has four children, 13 grandchildren and 11 greatgrandchildren.

She has been doing this since her own children were small, although she couldn't afford to put in as many items then as she does now.

When her grandchildren grew up and began to drive cars, they would take her around from house to house on Christmas Eve, so that she could drop off the greatly-filled stockings and have a chat with her family. Sometimes she wouldn't get home until 4 a.m. For the past few years, she has made the trip in two nights instead of one. This year she has decided to stay home and let the family come to her.

"I'm getting too old to be travelling all around," she said. Last year everyone received a glass with the month of their birth and the flower of that month on it. The men also received beer mugs as well as chocolate liqueurs.

Balloons, apples, oranges and animal cookies are some of the things that everyone receives every year. The rest is a total surprise and opening up the stocking is more fun than unwrapping Christmas presents. They never know what will be in them.

"I have fun filling them," Mrs. Brown said. She has had her grandchildren help her. "I get one of my granddaughters to fill the men's and one of my grandsons or greatgrandsons to fill the ladies'."

The small children think the stockings come from Santa, because she never lets on who filled them; "they think all I give them is a coloring book and crayons."

Along with filling the stockings, she spends her spare time knitting and crocheting afghans, scarfs and mittens. It may cost her a lot of money and take up a lot of her time, but doing this for her family makes Mrs. Brown's Christmas.

Long Distance is the next best thing to being there.

(Photo by MacMillan)

Holiday season busy for Mother Bell

Busy signals can be frustrating during the holiday season but few people realize that on Christmas day alone, the Bell Telephone switching centre in St. Catharines is expected to have over 195,000 direct dialed and 19,000 operator handled calls.

"While most people are off work during Christmas and New Year's, there are well-trained and dedicated operators and emergency repair crews working throughout that time," said Bell Telephone Niagara District Manager Ron Urquhart.

In addition to the work of the overtime Christmas staff, Bell is offering reduced rates the day after the two holidays and, for the first time, some tropical islands can be dialed direct and now overseas calls will be handled by local operators.

PER CENT INCREASE

About 70 operators will be on duty in St. Catharines to take the expected 400,000 dialed direct calls on Christmas weekend and 250,000 on New Years, Mr. Urquhart said. These figures represent a 20 per cent increase compared to normal service figures.

"Bell Telephone has built a multi-million dollar network to manage calls during the average busy hours but it we were to gear up for the holidays, we would have that excess capacity for the rest of the year and that is simply not economical," Mr. Urquhart said.

Advances in Bell technology have allowed local operators to handle overseas calls for the first time, rather than have them sent through Montreal. Direct dialing will also be available for the first time to Jamaica, Bermuda, the Bahamas and the Cayman Islands. Long distance rates on the day following Christmas and New Year will be reduced to two-thirds off.

Mr. Urquhart suggested that telephone numbers of relatives or friends be obtained in advance to reduce congestion during the holidays. "Direct dialing is less expensive for the caller and makes the operator's job easier," he said. "Other than that, keep trying and you'll get through."

RON URQUHART

By TOM SKRZESZEWSKI

Variety and change on American side

Where do students from the college go on weekend nights? Some go to the bars and other places of entertainment in the region, but a good percentage take their weekend energies and depressions over the Niagara River by way of the Peace, Rainbow or Lewiston bridges to the American side.

What is the reason for this dilemma and loss of Canadian dollars to the Americans? Steve Bustard, first year surveying student and experienced drinker, said he feels the main reason he goes to the bars in the States is for a change of pace. "I would go to the States more often if not for personal transportation problems," Steve said. "It's a nice place to visit but I wouldn't want to live there."

John Wroniak, electronics student and musician, said he prefers American bars because drinks cost less and the dress is more casual than in Canadian bars. "It's also easier to remain anonymous in American bars."

Wayne Gadula, second year electronics student and polka band musician, said he isn't really a bar-going person but he does prefer big city bars such as those in Buffalo. "I especially like the jazz bars in Buffalo such as the Trafalmador Cafe," Wayne said. "There's no place with that type of entertainment in the Niagara area."

There also seems to be a more relaxed atmosphere in American bars. In Canada there is a law that a person cannot walk around in a bar with a drink in his hand.There is no such law in the States.There is also a lot more variety in the States. Streets such as Pine and Main in Niagara Falls, N.Y., are packed with assorted bars. On these streets it seems all you have to do is set up a Budweiser sign in your front window and you've got yourself a bar.

American bars where Canadians often outnumber Americans, such as Honey's and Desi's in Niagara Falls, are usually packed beyond capacity on weekend nights.

If you enjoy getting beaten up or beating someone up, you should try some bars in the north side of Buffalo, where even the girls wear tattoos.

Bars in Ontario are forced by law to close at 1 a.m. but New York bars remain open longer. Places like T.C.'s in Grand Island, N.Y., remain open until 6 a.m.

Gail Smith, first year electronics student and theatre projectionist, said she prefers Canada because "it's my home and people are nicer over here." Gail said, "One reason that guys go to the States and leave their girl friends at home is to hustle girls they don't know."

and the very best for the New Year

Victoria Baago decorates a tree with apples and suet balls

(Photo by Baago)

Save trees for spring planting

By TOM SKRZESZEWSKI

Letting evergreen trees live instead of destroying them at Christmas time seems to be a growing trend among people in this region. People have been turning heavily to artificial trees in the last 15 years and now some people are starting to purchase potted evergreen trees.

Conrad Nieuwesteeg, owner of Hollandia Nurseries, R.R. 2, Welland, said there will be a reduction in the number of already-cut Christmas trees in this area.

"There will also be an increase in their price over last year. A good looking tree will cost between $10 and $12." To grow a five-foot evergreen tree takes from five to seven years.

The potted evergreen trees cost about $10 or $12. They are three feet high and about three years old. "Last year we only had four or five trees ready to sell but this year we have about 25," Mr. Nieuwesteeg said. "They are mainly spruce."

The potted evergreen trees can be kept in a sunny area of the house until spring and then can be planted outdoors. Mr. Nieuwesteeg said the trees need no special care and are easy to plant, but "just split the pot up a little before planting." The trees grow slowly the first year but grow more rapidly the second year.

ENJOYABLE FOR YEARS

One of the nicest things about potted Christmas trees is that you can enjoy them for so many years afterwards, said Sylvia Baago, a second year journalism student, who now has two of them growing in her yard.

Mrs. Baago, who is married with one child, said she "felt like a murderer every time we went to an area tree farm to cut a Christmas tree down, so one year we decided to dig one up instead."

The tree, which cost $1, was only about 3½ feet hight, but "it made a very pretty Christmas tree and when spring came, we planted it outdoors."

The tree thrived, so they continued the practice the following year. Picking out just the right tree was a momentous decision, which "turned into a festive outing."

"Our two trees are over 10 feet tall now, and each Christmas we decorate them with outside lights as well as apples and suet balls to feed the birds."

Gifts for Santa too

By RON HOLLA

Everyone is getting into the Christmas spirit. A well dressed dog sat on Santa's lap to tell him what he wanted under the tree this year.

Santa in this case was 20-year-old, Al Gradisek, of 54 Rodman St., St. Catharines. One of three Santas who work at the Pen Centre. Al recalls the well-dressed poodle that sat in his lap one day.

"I have had three or four dogs sit on my lap. But not one has wet on me yet," he said.

Becoming a Santa was something that Al did not jump into immediately. He was setting up the Santa display at the Pen Centre when he heard a Santa was needed. After thinking about it, he decided to apply.

"To me, it was different," he said.

Meeting people is nothing new to Al. After graduating from St. Catharines Collegiate in 1975, he worked for two years as a market research director and visited 85 cities in the United States, doing promotion work for businessmen.

Being Santa is an experience he likes.

"I look forward to meeting kids who believe in Santa and who get excited at meeting me. I enjoy watching the different reactions of the kids or people who I wave to. Some grown-ups don't believe that I am waving to them. The look behind or beside them when they see me waving. It is a good job."

Dealing with children requires special care, Al said.

"You must be prepared for all kinds of questions because you never know what will come out of them. You also have to try to break the ice and get them to talk. Many of them are nervous and reluctant to see me. I try to break the ice by offering them a poster. It usually works.

"If they don't have anything to say, I get them to make a list and put it in the mailbox out front."

Being Santa means not only giving, but receiving as well. Al is no exception. His share of presents includes letters, pictures, candy and on one occasion a chocolate Santa Claus.

"They even promise to leave milk and cookies for me and a carrot for Rudolph."

Champagne

Niagara Falls offers variety for revellers

By DOUG SMITH and JOE WALLACE

Planning to spend New Year's Eve in Niagara Falls? Well, the Honeymoon City offers many great opportunities for those who enjoy a party. From anywhere between $90 and $10, New Year's Eve revellers can celebrate at a variety of establishments.

In the grand ballroom of the Sheraton Brock Hotel on Falls Avenue, a $90 price tag includes a buffet style dinner, a bottle of champagne for each couple, a room for the night, breakfast on Jan. 1, and dancing to Bob Carpenter and his 16-piece band.

Frank Candeloro, assistant catering director, reports that ticket sales are above last year and a crowd of 400 is expected. Tickets are by reservation only.

This is the first New Year's party for new owners, said Mr. Candeloro, and they promise to make this the "best and biggest New Year's Eve party in Niagara Falls."

A similar package deal is being offered at the Park Motor Hotel on Clifton Hill.

There, a buffet style dinner is again included in the ticket price and the patrons also get a bottle of champagne, a room for two, Sunday breakfast and dancing in the ballroom. The price is again $90 per couple and tickets are by reservation only.

Domenic Chirico at the Old Stone Inn on Robinson Street will celebrate the first New year's Eve at the inn.

The price of $50 per couple includes a lobster and filet mignon dinner with wine, champagne at midnight and dancing all night to stereo-taped music.

People attending the party will be offered a room for the night for an additional cost of $15.

Tickets are again available by reservation and the party is limited to 40 couples.

The Skylon Tower offers a choice of two package deals for New Year's Eve.

In the Summit Suite, at the top of the tower, $19.78 per person includes escalation to the top, a full course dinner, champagne, dancing to "The Ward Band", a mystery draw and party favors. Drinks are extra and reservations a must.

In the base of the tower, at Gazoopy's , $12 per person includes a buffet dinner from 8:30 p.m. to 10: p.m. The Katzenjammer Kids provide the entertainment and the party offers a mystery draw and favors. Once again drinks are extra and tickets are available by reservation only.

The Roman Court restaurant on Magdalen Street has a party planned. A dinner, dancing with the Berardi Orchestra, a midnight snack and party favors are included in the price of $42 per couple. The restaurant is accepting reservations now and the cost of drinks is extra.

Dancing to the sounds of "Spartan" highlights the party at Uncle Sam's Resort Hotel, Lundy's Lane, on New Year's Eve. A roast beef dinner, bottle of champagne and party favors round out the evening at a price of $30 per couple.

The Rapids Motor Hotel offers a hot and cold smorgasbord, dancing to the "New Stones", and party favors in their price of $25 per couple, not including drinks for 50 cents.

The Prospect Hotel, Main Street, offers dancing to the "East Wind Band", a hot and cold smorgasbord after 10 p.m. and two free drinks per couple for $25.

The King Edward Hotel on Queen Street has one of the least expensive New Year's Eve parties in town. The $10 price tag per person includes a meal, one drink and party favors.

House parties remain a favorite with many people, especially the younger crowd. If a nice quiet New Year's Eve sounds enjoyable, then a bottle of champagne and a friend is a fine way to welcome in 1978.

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SPORTS

Bob Harpwood takes the checkered flag as he wins the 750 cc expert final at Welland County Speedway.

NC student honored, wins biking award

Bob Harpwood, 18, second-year journalism student, was honored as an Ontario motorcycle champion at a Welland awards banquet.

Bob received awards Nov. 26 for the Ontario championship in the 750 cc expert class, and for second place in the 360 cc division.

He received two plaques, a clock from Molson's, and an assurance that all his entry fees - expected to be about $250 - will be paid for the coming season.

Bob has been the champion since his last race in September, the first time a member of the Welland County Motorcycle Club has won the award.

The championship is determined on points awarded for finishing positions in several races. "I didn't finish lower than third in the 750 class and I've won at least seven races," Bob said.

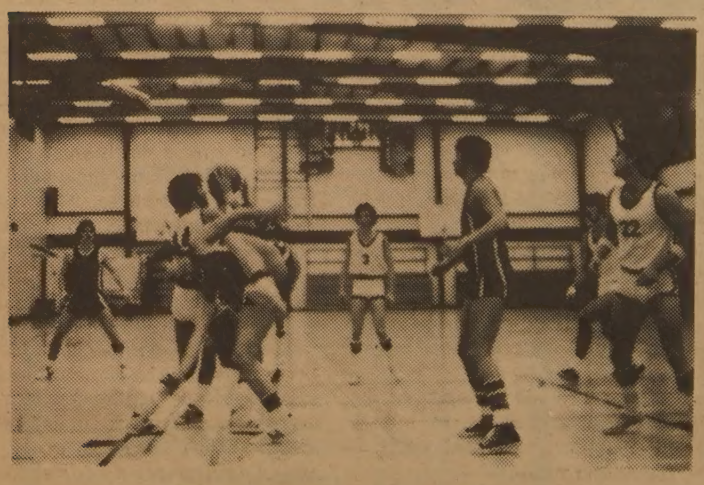
Bob, who started riding a mini bike when he was 10, has been an expert racer for the past three years. An interest in motorcycles seems to run in the Harpwood family; a brother is also a racer and Bob's father was the first president of the Welland Motorcycle Club.

Next year, Bob plans to do more racing in the United States than in Canada. "I'll be in Canada for the National Championship races, but that's about all," he said.

In Canada prize money is $150 for the quarter-mile track and $300 to $500 for the half-mile, but Bob plans to race the half-mile tracks in the United States where minimum purse is $15,000. There is no mile track in Canada.

Motorcycling is an expensive sport. A weekend's racing with entry fees and travelling expences comes to about $100.

Because of maintenance expenses and "too many hassles", Bob will not race his 360 Bultaco next year. Clare's Cycle and Sports, which sponsors Bob, owns and maintains the 750 Harley Davidson he will ride.



Where's the basket?

Niagara cager tries to get shot away while being closely guarded by a Mohawk player. Number 22, Bob Boyne, looks on. (Photo by Kelly)

Snowmobiles a sport for everybody

By BOB HARPWOOD

Not the most inexpensive sport, snowmoiling is quickly becoming one of the most popular and enjoyable winter activities.

Snowmobiling is a sport for all ages and sexes and as one snowmobile enthusiast says, "It's an ideal way to spend a day with the family or friends — riding over virgin snow with the cold wind blowing in my face gives me a feeling of grandeur."

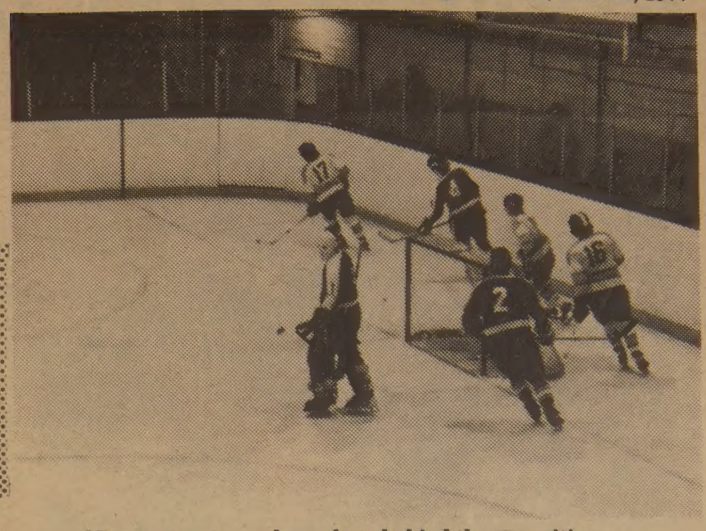
Snowmobiles were first mass produced in the late 1950s by Joseph-Armand Bombardier, of Valcourt, Que. Called Ski-doo, the first model was a little more than a small two-stroke engine housed in a frame with two front runners and a track in the back. Bombardier was the founder of the Bombardier factory which now makes Ski-doos and Can-Am motorcycles.

Today's machines have evolved into light and powerful sleds that can tackle almost any type of terrain. "It's amazing how those little engines can develop so much power," a snowmobile mechanic said. "It takes a lot of power to turn that big track in the back."

In the past few years snowmobile trails have become increasingly scarce. With the help of snowmobile clubs, conservation authorities have opened up trails specially for snowmobiles. Some of the finest trails in the peninsula are in the Pelam area.

"This year has been a record year for snowmobile sales," Dave Atkins, sales manager of Clare's Cycle and Sports, said."People want to be prepared in case of a storm of last winter's severity sneaks up on us."

One of the biggest sellers this year is the Yamaha ET 340. According to Dave, all of the 340s (30) have been sold and no more are available.



Niagara team members skate behind the opposition net as Algonquin goalie foils their scoring attempt. (Photo by Harpwood)

NC suffers seventh loss, bows to Algonquin 7—3

In their seventh loss of the season, the Niagara College hockey Knights bowed to the Ottawa Algonquin College Cats by a score of 7-3 on Dec. 3 at the Welland arena.

In nine starts during regular season play, Niagara has won once and tied once while Algonquin has won eight, tied once and lost once in 10 starts.

The Knights skated to a 2-2 tie in the first period but were out-scored 2-0 in the second period and 3-1 in the third period.

Marty Enwright opened the scoring for the Cats in the first period. Phil Laginsky scored the first goal for Niagara 52 seconds later. Rusty McKague scored the second goal for the Cats while Steve Bustard tied the score for Niagara at 2-2.

Algonquin dominated the play in the next two periods with little resistance from the Knights. Dave Lee and Dan St. Cyr were the Algonquin marksmen in the second period.

St. Cyr got his second goal of the night when he opened the scoring in the third period. Gary Isenor scored the Cat's sixth goal and Rob Norris got the visitor's seventh and final goal of the night.

Paul Bertling scored the final goal of the night for Niagara giving them a 7-3 defeat.

Niagara's next game is Jan. 6 against Mohawk College in Hamilton.

NC basketball and hockey teams to compete in winter carnival

Niagara College is getting involved!

The Niagara Knights hockey team and basketball team will play during Jan. 21-29 in participation with the Welland Winter Carnival, Dr. Eric Robinson, chairman of community education and on the board of directors of the Welland Rose Festival and the Welland Winter Carnival, said.

This will get the college involved with the community, Dr. Robinson said.

The theatre arts students may be showing the play, The King of the Golden River on Wednesday, Jan. 28 in connection with the carnival. The hour-long play is for the four to 12 age group, he said.

The community education division will present a program showing arts and crafts and there may be a judo presentation Dr. Robinson said.

A film is being made to help promote tourism in Welland. The film will be presented to the city council when funds are needed.

Any students wanting to get involved in any events with the carnival, can contact Dr. Robinson in S210, ext. 236.

Niagara Knights have close call as they defeat Mohawk 84—81

By ROB KELLY

It was another close call for the Knights on Dec. 1 as they defeated the Mohawk Mountaineers, but it could hardly be called a rout.

The Knights eked out an 84-81 victory over the Mountaineers in the last two minutes of the game, and the contest could have gone either way. The score was 82-79 for NC with 1:26 left in the game when Mohawk sank two foul shots to bring them within a point tieing. NC snapped back with two foul shots of their own, and the game ended that way, despite the Mounaineers attempts to stall the game and shake up the Knights by calling three time-outs in a row in the closing seconds.

At half time the Knights had been down by five points. Coach Peter Rylander attributed the deficit to poor passing by the NC players. The team was trying to bounce-pass the ball off the floorboards, he said, which is all right if you are a 6:9 NBA forward, but doesn't work for smaller college players. He said the Mountaineers were not good shooters until they got inside the key and stressed the importance of a tight NC defence.

EFFORT GOOD

The over-all team effort by Mohawk was good though. As NC centre Ted Kicinski put it: "They have nobody outstanding, but they play a good team effort."

The Knights must have followed Mr. Rylander's advice because they played more tightly in the second half, while Mohawk got sloppy.

The Mountaineers fouled a lot and the Knights racked up points on the foul shots, with forward Sam Ferrusi shooting particularly well.

The game stayed close though. With five minutes left in the match, both teams were driving hard and the Mountaineers whittled down the NC lead from 77-69 to within three points of a tie. The Knights went from smelling an absolute victor to fighting a holding action for their lead in about three minutes.

Although the Knights won the game, largely due to the efforts of guard Danny Rzadkowski who scored 36 points, the closeness of the contest had everybody on their toes.

After the game a flushed faced Rylander said: "I'm glad I can go play hockey now and vent my frustrations . We gave the ball away too much-if we could cut down on that we could score more on turnovers."

A man's home is his castle

The season of cold, wet and darkness has also traditionally been the time when the freest reign is given to fantasy. Here a Welland home is turned into a winter wonderland. (Photo by MacMillan)

RTV telethon planned for Feb.

The search is on for talent amongst Niagara students and members of the community to perform during a 24-hour telethon that will be staged on behalf of the Society for Crippled Children in February.

Almost everybody in the Radio and TV programs will be working with the Welland Rotary Club on the production planned for Feb. 18-19.

The show is the brainchild of second-year student Dennis Firby. He and associate producer Denis Buteau, along with Karen Young, worked for two months on a pre-production report that encompassed such necessities as what power would be needed to run the equipment, what facilities were available at different locations and whether or not a cable TV hook-up was available.

At first the organizers planned to stage the event in the Legion Hall in Welland, but that location proved unsatisfactory so they moved the site to the college cafeteria.

The production will run live and in color to the two local cable television networks, and people are encouraged to drop in at the cafeteria, where food and refreshments will be available.

The goal is to reach $10,000 for the construction of an extension to the Niagara Peninsula Crippled Children's Centre in St. Catharines.

"I think it's going to be a lot of fun," said Dennis. This kind of work is "field practice" for RTV students and gives them the chance to work on a professional presentation.

"What we're looking for now," he said, "is talent. Any kind of singing, guitar playing, whatever."

Snow lands students in unfashionable situation

Twenty-three first year fashion arts students were stranded in Hamilton for about 14 hours Dec. 5 because of the snow storm that swept the peninsula that day.

The bus load of students accompanied by Mrs. Marie Bramble, fashion arts co-ordinator, Louis Berai and Eileen Muir, instructors, were on the annual fashion arts merchandising trip to Toronto.

The students were slated to leave the college at 8.30 a.m. Dec. 5, arrive in Toronto at 10 and be back at the college at 2.45 in the afternoon. They didn't get back until 11.10 a.m. the next day.

They spent the night at the Town and Country motel on Plains Road, Hamilton, after they had attempted to cross the Burlington Skyway and found it closed. People were even sleeping in the lobby at the motel and "we got the last rooms the motel had," Mrs. Bramble said.

They had heard the skyway was still open and decided to chance coming back to Welland, but it turned out to be closed.

"We lost track of the number of cars that were smashed and rear-ended," Mrs. Bramble said. "I can't compliment our driver enough. He didn't panic. We were really, really lucky."

The bus had gone down to Highway 2, Plains Road, but the first hotel they went to was full. "Highway patrols were telling us to get off the road, but we could barely stay on it, let alone get off of it," Mrs. Bramble said.

The people at the motel and the Castle restaurant were "super," she said. "They even trusted me with a credit card when we ran out of money."

"There was a disco and some kids danced till I don't know when."

The next morning the bus driver spent three-quarters of an hour trying to get the bus out of the snow. They were on their way back to the college by 8 a.m.

Hamilton was socked in and "our bus and a couple of trucks were the only things moving," Mrs. Bramble said. The bus could only travel at 25 miles per hour all the way back to the college.

James Cuthbertson, chairman of environmental studies, was notified by Mrs. Bramble when they reached the motel and called the students' parents.

Purpose of the trip is for students to make a comparison among a discount store, Honest Ed's, a specialty store of their choice, and a departmental store at Eaton Centre. But they didn't get that far.

They arrived at Sherway Gardens on the outskirts of Toronto at 11 a.m. The students were told to complete as much of the project as they could there because the storm would force them to return to the college.

Male student resists temptation in storm

By LIZ MATHIAS

Many men dream of being stranded on a desert island with a dozen beautiful girls.

That's almost the way it was for Barry Burkholder, first year fashion arts student, a week ago.

Barry was the only male student stranded at a Hamilton motel with 22 girls. With them were instructors Marie Bramble, Louis Berai and Eileen Muir.

The students were on their way home from a merchandising trip to Toronto when their bus became bogged down in the snow. They retreated to a nearby motel.

Barry spent 14 hours with the girls "doing the bump" and watching television.

"I was asked to dance, but I waited for the instructors to leave before I started," Barry said.

"I was more or less attacked. We had snowball fights in the room and we threw pickles and ice cubes at each other.

"I didn't realize girls acted like that."

Barry said he tried to conduct himself properly even though he "watched television horizontally and vertically with five girls."

"I do have a girl friend who lives only half an hour away. I phoned her to tell her I was stranded with 22 girls and there was no way I could make it to her house," he said. "She told me to behave myself."

"And," he added, "I did."

By BRENDA FREURE

Ski buffs! Take to the slopes

All right you ski buffs, wax your skis, the snow is here.

With the recent snowfall, the ski resorts have opened their doors in anticipation of another year of skiing like the last.

The closest area to the college is just north of Fonthill off Highway 20. Fonthill Ski Centre is run by Art Schreiner, owner of Ski Pro Shop, Genevea Street, St. Catharines. The centre has three runs, the longest about 1,200 feet. Rentals are available for $6 and a tow ticket for adults costs $4. The centre is open Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Wednesday and Thursday from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. There are three rope tows and one pomma lift. There's a lodge where light snacks can be obtained. By private arrangement a group of people can use the slopes on its off days.

Georgian Peaks, Thornbury, near Collingwood, boasts the longest run in Ontario—more than 1¼ miles. It has a wide variety of runs with 18 interconnecting trails. Tow tickets average about $10 a day and rentals are available. There are four chair-lifts, one T-bar and a base lodge that service the four expert, nine intermediate and five beginner runs.

Blue Mount's longest run, Penny Lane, is about 6,000 feet and the resort has a vertical drop of 475 feet. The centre has nine runs- two expert, two intermediate and five beginner. Tow tickets are $6 on weekdays and $9 on weekends and holidays. Rentals can be obtained for $6.50 but a deposit of $50 or a driver's licence is required.

SEVERAL IN NEW YORK

New york offers several ski resorts popular to skiers in the area that aren't too far away to drive for the average person.

Kissing Bridge, Glenwood, has a vertical drop of 495 feet and the longest run is under one mile. There are 21 runs-two expert, eight intermediate, and 11 beginner. K.B. has three chair lifts, five T-bars and four rope tows serving the 21 runs. Lift tickets range from $9 on weekdays to $10 on weekends. Combination prices are available up to five days for $37.50. The centre is open from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Holiday Valley, Ellicottville, boasts 22 runs ranging from beginner to expert with a vertical drop of 875 feet. The longest run is about a mile. There is one base lodge that has been expanded this year and two upper lodges. The slopes are serviced by two chair lifts, three T-bars and two rope tows. The longest chair lift is 4,300 feet.

Peek N' Peak offers runs ranging from 600 feet to 3,000 feet with a vertical drop of 400 feet. The slopes are serviced by three chair lifts, two T- bars and two J-bars. The resort is open from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Tow tickets are $11 for adults on weekends and $9 on weekdays. Rentals are available for $9 a day and group lessons are offered for $6.

Tamarack Ridge, off Route 240 on the way to Kissing Bridge, is open everyday except Tuesday and lift tickets are $10 on weekends. The centre is still private, but the public is welcome until heavy lift lines develop. Mel Dove, part-time tourism instructor at the college and ski school director at Tamarack, says, "Tamarack has the advantage of no lift lines and the best snow in the area."

A 1¼-hour lesson costs $5. The longest run is a little under one mile and Tamarack has a vertical drop of 495 feet. The slopes are serviced by one chair lift, 2,900 feet long, one T-bar, one rope tow and one mighty mite. Rentals are not available at the centre. There is one lodge on the premises with a bring-your-own booze bar.

Parking Cont'd from page 3

negative reactions to the situation. Those that had to park elsewhere were more dissonant.

Coining a new word, Maryjoe Furgal said: "We were stunnedified and disgusted." She drove in from Welland and parked in lot B. "They should have been ploughed," she said.

The storm dumped 22 centimeters of snow on the Niagara region, and winds gusted to 85 kilometers per hour.

Winter fun from page 3

Tobogganning is a sport adults tend to leave to children, considering themselves too old or sophisticated for such nonsense. But those who try it find zipping down a steep hill never loses its excitement and appeal.

In spite of urban sprawl and private property signs all over the peninsula, there are still hills big and small with free public access. Fireman's Park in Niagara Falls has three long hills for daring sledders, while the Niagara Parks golf course has three smaller hills for the less adventurous.The St. Catharines golf course and the Fonthill area provide steep and gentle hills for all levels of daring tobogganers.

Besides these well-known locations for tobogganing, there are many out-of-the-way places to be tried; a little exploring will dig out several suitable slides. This is a hilly peninsula and the possibilities are endless — from spectacular slides on the escarpment to gentle grades on the golf courses.

Finally to top off a day in the outdoors or just as an escape from a stuffy kitchen, there is the winter picnic.

Picnic areas are plentiful in the Niagara peninsula and are as accessible in winter as in summer, with the added bonus of no bugs and no tourists. One disadvantage is that most picnic tables are hauled away for storage, but this is easily overcome with a folding table or a polyethylene ground sheet. Thermos containers keep food and drinks hot as well as cold and barbecued steak or hot dogs taste doubly good on a cold day.

The fact that all these activities are free is one big plus but there is more to it than just economy. None require the burning of precious fossil fuels. Instead they require energy output from overfed bodies, using unneeded calories and contributing to the general fitness of the participant. And the chance to watch nature at work in the winter is a fascinating pleasure not many people have enjoyed.

Mr. Blizzard hits again!

Niagara was hit again this year and unsuspecting students helped dig out those stuck in the snowed-in parking lot. (Photo by Newell)

Services are top priority at college

Academic, student services and educational resources appear to be the top priority at Niagara College, according to statistics based on an audited financial statement from the 1977 multi-year plan analysis of all Ontario colleges from the college affairs branch of the ministry of colleges and universities.

Niagara spends a greater percentage on academic, student services and educational resources and a lower percentage on administrative and plant functions than the provincial average, states the report presented to the board of governors by A.S. Manera, president, Nov. 24.

The combined costs for administration and plant are only 17.2 per cent of the college's total costs. Only one college in the province has a lower figure than Niagara and it is much larger than Niagara. The college was not named at the meeting. Niagara ranks 12th in total enrolment among the 22 Ontario colleges.

OCAP provides jobs for unemployed young adults

The Ontario Career Action Program (OCAP), a provincially funded six-month training program founded in 1976 to provide first-job experience for unemployed young people aged 16 to 24, has 14 trainees placed throughout Niagara College, including the library, book store and on maintenance.

As well, an OCAP pilot project, started in August, has placed 50 trainees for a maximum 16-week training period in private industries in the peninsula, including a standard-bred racing stable, a flower shop and the Welland Chamber of Commerce.

The programs in both the public and private sectors are administered locally through Niagara College, and 95 per cent of the candidates, who range from high school drop-outs to university graduates, apply through Canada Manpower, George Repar, head of counselling at Niagara, told the Niagara News. There are also internal referals through the college placement office.

"The candidates may well have substantial skills, but have no opportunity to apply them without experience," Mr. Repar said. "The idea of the program is to provide supervised short-term experience placement."

The trainees in both sectors are paid $100 per week while receiving on-the-job training, and are counselled on employment-related skills like how to get and keep a job, writing resumes and how to be interviewed.

500 APPLIED

In the industrial sector, there were 500 applicants for the 50 available positions, Gordon McPherson, college counsellor, said and "we could place more, especially women, if we had the money."

The public sector for those employed in government institutions, including the college, has a 54 per cent success rate throughout the province in placing graduates of the program in permanent positions, Mr. Repar said, and the message of the program is "one of success."

Meanwhile, in the private sector, it is too early to tell how successful the program will be since no one has yet graduated. Employees are encouraged to look for permanent positions while they are on the program, Mr. McPherson said.

Both Mr. Repar and Mr. McPherson stressed that the program is oriented towards the trainee, not the employer, with the idea being to provide a short-term experience placement in a supervised context.

The individual supervisor sets forth a training plan, Mr. Repar said, which is developed into a well-defined program by OCAP. The training program is flexible and allows trainees to increase the scope of the plan if they desire.

The Niagara News spoke with several trainees in both the private and public sectors. Mrs. Susan Guthrie, employed since September in the college book store, said she applied for the program through Manpower after reading a newspaper ad.

Mrs. Guthrie said she had been unemployed because she had just moved to Welland with her husband who is enrolled in the radio and television program.

She called the program "good" and said she is learning inventory, ordering books for individual instructors and students, unpacking and displaying books, selling all crested items as well as filing and typing.

Meanwhile, OCAP trainee Victoria Campbell, 21, is learning all aspects of caring for standard-bred horses at Jacob's Farm, Foss Road, Fenwick. Miss Campbell said she is a graduate of the college theatre arts program but "couldn't find a job."

Now, she is kept busy grooming, cleaning out stalls, feeding and will eventually learn to drive. Miss Campbell also described the program as "good" but added, "the money isn't enough."

Covered walkway to be constructed

Those who can't bear the thought of walking to the cafeteria or the Mackenzie Building in the cold or rain can breathe a sigh of relief. A covered walkway is to be constructed from the Simcoe Building to the Black Walnut Building initially and eventually to the Mackenzie Building.

This was approved by the board of governors Nov. 24. The board also approved construction of a road linking parking lot E to Chippewayan Boulevard so that cars can drive through the campus instead of around it.

The parking lot near the Mackenzie Building will be completed and the parking lot on the east side of Hennepin Hall will be eliminated. About 200 parking spaces will be added to the area adjacent to parking lot E.

The board also approved construction of a college garage and storage building on the main campus costing $75,000. A permanent enclosure with suitable fire exits from the stairs leading to the roof of the Tecumseh Centre was also approved.

Art courses favored in community education

Some art courses are so popular more classes are presented and new courses are being offered during the community education winter term, Dr. Eric Robinson, chairman of community education, said.

Ken Cosgrove, design instructor at Niagara, will teach serigraphy and poster design—silk-screening and lino printing.

Mr. Cosgrove has been trained in the best art schools overseas and will be teaching new art forms, Dr. Robinson said.

Oil painting with a pallette knife is such a popular course "we can't keep up with it," Dr. Robinson said. The course which is taught by Norbert Collins is a "simple sort of technique." A painting can be produced without a former preparation. It doesn't need drawing or water coloring before putting the paint on with the knife.

Since the course is so popular, Ms Veeny Vabalis, another peninsula pallette painter, will teach the same course. Ms Vabalis has art displays in Kitchener and studios in Niagara Falls.

New developments on the Welland campus are the four new pottery wheels and three new floor looms for weaving and pottery. The two courses will be taught in Hennepin Hall.

Poor turn-out

The first meeting of the Niagara College music club was very well advertised. There were pink posters giving the date and the location splattered all over the campus — the only problem was that the posters neglected to give a time for the meeting.

Better luck next time, music club. Most important of all, what time is the next meeting going to be?

Author; Coming Through Slaughter

By MARK MACMILLAN

"Thought I knew his blues
before and the hymns at
funerals but what he is playing
now is real strange and I
listen careful for he is playing
something that sounds like
both.That is the first time I
ever heard hymns and blues
cooked up together. I'm sort
of scared because I know the
Lord don't like mixing the
Devil's music with His music."

The scene is turn of the century New Orleans, an excerpt from an intriguing book called Coming Through Slaughter by Canadian author Michael Ondaatje. An unrecorded jazz musician who was known as one of the best, Buddy Bolden has been resurrected in a new style. Mr. Ondaatje called "a novel mutant, the result of a combination of literary forms," in a recent telephone interview.

The style is the marriage of historical documentation and poetic insight. Mr. Ondaatje, who continuously makes use of grotesque, violent, humorous and ultimately human themes represents one of the most dynamic forces in contemporary Canadian fiction.

Born in India in 1943, Mr. Ondaatje moved to Canada at an early age to eventually complete his B.A. at the University of Toronto and received his M.A. from Queens. He has taught at Western University and is now on sabbatical leave from York University where he teaches English. He lives with his family in Don Mills.

Mr. Ondaatje is best known for The Collected Works of Billy the Kid, for which he received the Governor General's Award for poetry in 1970. He depicts the outlaw as a sensitive, miraculously aware human being who appreciates both the solemnity and the humorous aspects of his dangerous life.

Mr. Ondaatje allows the infamous gunfighter to speak for himself and more often than not, Billy becomes the narrator/poet. "If you keep the hero personal, then you make him more real and accessible to the reader," Mr. Ondaatje said. The reader is consequently taken with Billy through his exploits, into his dreams, to his hideouts, and to the death scenes of his friends.

His stomach was warm
Remembered this when I put my
hand into
A pot of lukewarm tea to wash it
out
Dragging out the stomach to get
the bullet
He wanted to see when taking
tea
With Sallie Chisum in Paris
Texas.

The reader is forced to talk and think and live with Billy the Kid. The author of four books of poetry, including the Dainty Monsters, The Man With Seven Toes, The Collected Works of Billy the Kid and Rat Jelly, Mr. Ondaatje has also written a criticism of Leonard Cohen as well as his latest prose work, Coming Through Slaughter in 1976. He has made three films: Sons of Captain Poetry, Carry on Crime and Punishment and The Clinton Special.

In his accounts of real historical figures like Buddy and Billy, there is the elusive sense of the interweaving of truth and supposed truth in his writing. The result is a new type of legend created with modern hindsight and implications.

Returning to poetry from prose after the completion of Coming Through Slaughter, Mr. Ondaatje admits that he is finding it difficult. "Poetry or lyric poetry demands a certain amount of emotional involvement from the author and you have to start thinking in different terms as a result," he said.

On his sabbatical, the poet is working on a film, some new poetry and a long prose work.

"I don't like to talk about what I'm working on at the moment," Mr.Ondaatje said. With the excellent quality of his past contributions to Canadian literature, the poet's future writing will be eagerly awaited.

Ticket sales

The sale of Christmas Formal tickets started slowly but in the last week of sales more than 100 were sold for a total ticket sale of 430.

The dinner-dance was scheduled for last Saturday, Dec. 10. The Student Administrative Council (SAC) planned to present A. S. Manera, college president, with a gift of a wall barometer in appreciation for his service to students during his presidency.

By SYLVIA BAAGO

A possible $96,000 in paper used each year

An elusive paper chase from the forests to the garbage has revealed Niagara College uses about 120 tons of paper each year. At an average cost of $800 per ton, the total budgetary cost could amount to a hefty $96,000.

And just by looking at the ecological aspects, about 2,000 eastern Canadian trees, six inches in diameter, must be cut down to feed the hungry paper consumers in the college.

Meanwhile, in view of budget cut-backs, departments around the college are encouraging the conservative use of paper and paper conservation is taking various forms.

For instance, children attending the early childhood education day-care centre are scribbling on the back of wire-service copy from the journalism department and in some cases, the duplicating department is printing on both sides of the paper.

However, chasing the trail of paper usage in the college was like trying to lasso quicksilver, and the figures quoted are mostly guess estimates, compiled from interviews with spokesman from pulp mills, paper suppliers, duplicating department staff and purchasing.

One problem of trying to estimate how many trees needed to make a ton of paper is that there are so many variable factors involved, a spokesman from the Ontario Paper Co., Thorold, said in a telephone interview.

He emphasized his estimate of 15 to 16 trees per ton "would be for eastern Canadian trees only." Trees from western forests would be much larger, so you would need less."

Another factor involved is the type of paper. Finished paper of the kind the college uses can be recycled many times, he said. and each time comes out as a lower quality, until finally it is used for things like envelopes.

CARE FOR CONSERVATION

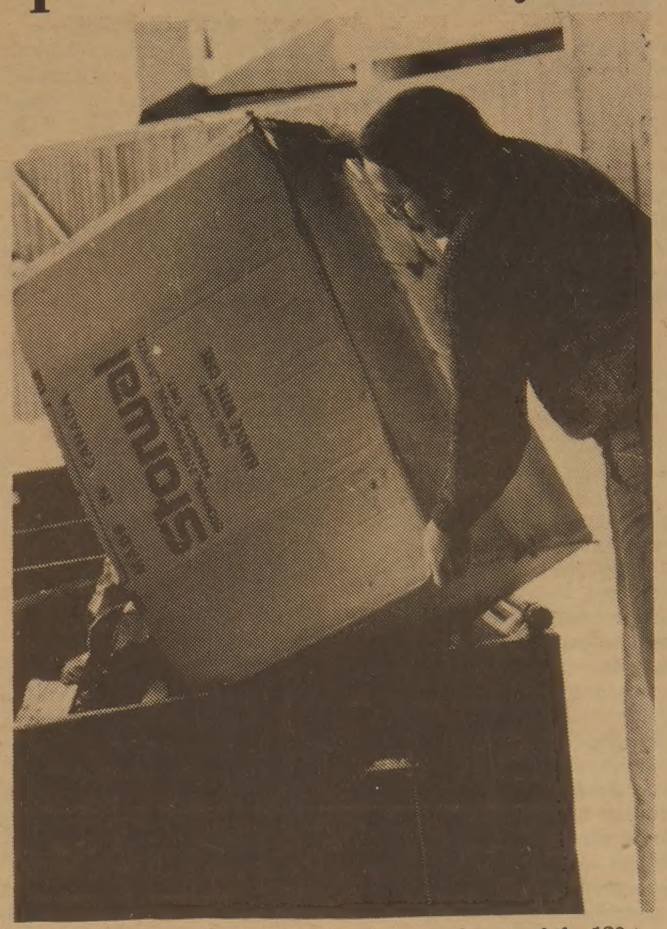
The paper industry is concerned with the need for conservation, but he stressed that trees are a renewable resource. Each time a section of forest is cut, it is replanted, he said. Even so, he said the Ontario paper mill recycles paper from garbage dumps and suppliers such as Brock University which collects used scrap paper for sale to the mill.

The college's efforts at conservation may be paying off, as R.P. Cridland from purchasing and Gary Kitchen, supervisor of the duplicating department, both said they anticipated no increase in paper usage this year.

The college used five million sheets of paper in 1976, Mr. Cridland said, and he does not anticipate an increase this year because "more people are aware of the need to conserve."

Mr. Kitchen, who quoted the price of $800 per ton, said his department, which prints about a quarter of the college needs, used 30 tons of paper last year to fill printing orders from his 400 customers from faculty, staff and administration.

"It is up to them to control their own needs, especially at the department level," he said. "We find ways to cut costs and save these people money, but we don't know what orders are absolutely needed or not. Some orders might be irrevelant and thrown in the garbage, or might be necessary for the course."



Jack Meens, inventory control clerk, disposes of some of the 120 tons of paper the college uses each year. Perhaps the garbage dump is not a fitting destiny for what was once a fine pine tree, but at least some of the waste paper still has use — it is shredded and used for packing. (Photo by Baago)

To cut costs, the duplicating department is using more inexpensive grades of paper and printing on two sides instead of one. As well, "Where faculty used to hand out notes, they now put them in the form of a book and sell it in the bookstore to recover costs," he said.

The slippery trail of paper usage reached a dead end at Welland Printing, the supplier who fills supply cupboards in each department with such items as typing paper, pencils and erasers.

All the supplies are lumped together under one invoice, making it almost impossible yo separate them, and Cec McGill, the man who fills the cupboards, said in a telephone interview; "I've no idea how much paper we supply the college with. I've never had to figure it out."

A visit to purchasing produced better results. Mr. Cridland with the help of several members of his staff, estimated the college uses 60 tons of blank paper and an equal amount for finished printing. About 50 per cent of the blank paper is used by duplicating; 25 per cent by graphic arts, and the rest for spirit duplicators, supplying the xerox machines with blank paper and paper in the bookstore for students to buy.

"Actually, the college gets a greater tonnage printed outside than in duplicating and graphic arts," he said.

Meanwhile, a telephone call to Barber-Ellis, one of the main suppliers of paper to the college, produced no results. The staff member who placed the call said the spokesman from Barber-Ellis nearly fell off the end of the phone at the strange request. After recovering, the spokesman managed to say, "Impossible. We'd have to look through every invoice for the last year."

The college uses many different paper suppliers because "most paper is bought on a competitive bid basis," said Mrs. Hilda Belcostro, senior buyer.

The paper chase trail ended at the garbage skips outside the maintenance department on an optimistic note. Jack Meens, inventory control clerk, said he could not estimate how much paper was ultimately thrown away, but, "A lot of it is shredded and used for packing."

Gillies new chairman of industrial training

The school of retraining has a new chairman of the industrial training division. Eugene Gillies, former chairman of the extension division, was appointed to his new position on Nov. 15.

Mr. Gillies is mainly responsible for personnel in the industrial division and also is involved in the Canada Manpower Industrial Training Program (CMITP) development work.

"It looks like a program which is expanding," Mr. Gillies said. "There is much more emphasis on this type of training now.

"In a year we are up to about 600 programs and close to 1,200 trainees."

CMITP is federally funded through the Canada Manpower centre. Local industries and businesses contact Manpower to be eligible for training. A notice is sent to the college and one of the training consultants works with the client to determine his needs for training. A contract is then signed with the federal government and training can begin.

The training is offered to encourage companies to hire new people who were previously unemployed. All kinds of training programs are offered to many diversified companies.

For example Towers sponsors a shipping receiver, and other opportunities are available in meat cutting, upholstery, sewing and secretaries. There is instruction available in just about any field.

On-the-job instruction is done by the prospective companies, some of it self-study, some with the instructor on a one-to-one basis.

The extension development office is now divided into certain other areas. Training in Business and Industry (TIBI) and apprenticeships have been given to the co-operative committee of continuing education.

EUGENE GILLIES

The co-ordinating committee of continuing education has been taken over by the dean of applied arts, to co-ordinate college affairs.

International training is now under Al Aboud, director of student services, and advertising has been taken over by Myron Kukla.

Other activities previously undertaken by Mr. Gillies are now being handled by the individual chairpersons of the continuing education office, registrar's office and treasurer's office.

The program name has been changed from extension development to continuing education. "I will still be maintaining contact with them and am still a member of the faculty," Mr. Gillies said.

"Since I live in St. Catharines it's very nice to be back working out of St. Catharines," Mr. Gillies said. "It's a challenging and interesting position and there are some very fine people working in the department."

HAVE A CHRISTMAS BALL

NIAGARA COLLEGE ACTIVITY ASSOCIATION *presents* a night at Charlie Chan's Disco...*it's the first Monday of the Christmas break...* MONDAY, DECEMBER 19th...a fun night!!

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

CHARLIE CHAN'S
PENDALE PLAZA
GLENDALE AVENUE
ST. CATHARINES

COME OUT...HAVE A GOOD TIME...MEET FRIENDS...DANCE...
DRINK...GET INVOLVED IN THE GAMES...CONTEST...DRAWS ...WIN CHAMPAGNE!!

Come out on December 19th and join the fun...you never know who you'll meet there.

NIAGARA COLLEGE ACTIVITY ASSOCIATION

The travelling chairman

David Davies to hit the road for upcoming year's sabbatical

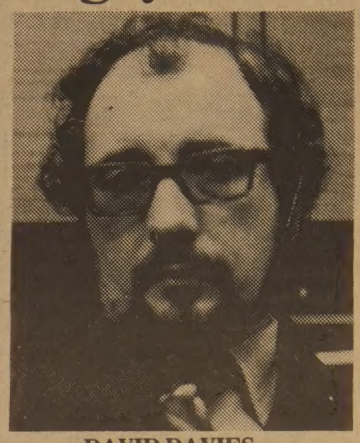
By NANCY LIEBAU

And then there's the one about the travelling chairman.

David Davies, chairman of human development at Niagara College, has been granted a one-year sabbatical in Europe beginning officially Aug. 15, 1978. His is the first administrative sabbatical ever granted at Niagara.

"The idea of a sabbatical is that you develop yourself in such a way that it will benefit the college," Mr. Davies said. "It's not an automatic right — it must be related to the responsibilities of the college. I regard it as a privilege."

Mr. Davies compared the benefits of a sabbatical to the overhaul of a car. "As a chairman I'm responsible for the quality of the teaching faculty, so I have to set a good example. I think you need time to clean up your act, and in order to do that you have to get a distance from the setting you work in."



DAVID DAVIES

MAKE REPORT

During the sabbatical, Mr. Davies will receive 70 per cent of his regular pay and will have to make a report which will be presented to an academic committee upon his return. "It will run into a substantial piece of work."

Asked what he intends to accomplish during the one-year period, Mr. Davies said he will try to combine both teaching and administrative aspects of his work at the college.

"I've opted to do something in connection with the theatre, so I'll look at more modern theatre facilities as well as teaching methods to see how I can compare and improve those used here. If I can, I want to get behind into the country, but it's hard to get into their educational systems. They're very protocol minded, let's put it that way."

His war course, for example, requires more consideration, as well as his civilization course. "A lot more can be done with the war course. I can't make it seem real to the students unless I experience it myself by visiting places and seeing things that apply directly to the course. And the civilization course needs working on. I haven't had time to spend in developing the course, and it's capable of being expanded."

NEW COURSE

Mr. Davies said he is also interested in developing a new course involving the connection of history with theatre, a project which has not been undertaken before due to lack of time. This course will enable theatre students to apply historical knowledge to design, sets and words used in theatre.

"As a teacher I'm concerned to go to places where I haven't been. I want to be able to do things properly, like photography, for example. I also want to witness organization of cirriculum space in the places I visit."

While on sabbatical, Mr. Davies hopes to establish a base central to the areas he will be visiting, most likely in Salzburg, Austria. "This will provide geographical convenience."

Mr. Davies' sabbatical will be "a very costly thing for the college." A faculty member will be chosen by a selection committee and then approved by the dean and the president of the college. This selection is not likely to begin before February, and Mr. Davies will help his replacement "break in" before he leaves.

His replacement will carry the same six-period teaching load as Mr. Davies handles, receiving the pay of a chairman. George Blazetich, chairman of liberal studies, will lose Mr. Davies' services for six hours a week.

David's wife, Joan, will accompany him on this venture on an unpaid leave of absence. Mrs. Davies teaches costume design at the Niagara College theatre centre and is working on a master's degree in the arts.

"This will be a period of work and reflection for me," Mr. Davies said. "I think I'll come back with some good thought for the college."

Long ago, far away: schools see N.C. play

By NANCY LIEBAU

A mass of excited children watch in wide-eyed anticipation as lightning and thunder shake the stage during The King of the Golden River.

The Southwind, Yvonne Vandewiele, raises an authoritative arm above her glittering, caped body and the turbulence abruptly ceases, causing an awed silence to sweep the young and attentive audience.

This was the opening performance last Thursday of the Theatre Centre's annual children's Christmas show which will be seen by more than 5,000 children this year, twice as many as last. There will be three school performances each day this week and three limited public performances were held last Saturday.

The play was adapted by D'Arcy McHayle, instructor, from the John Ruskin story.

It brings to life the colorful story of three brothers seeking the Golden River in the land of Styria, where they hope to become king by placing three drops of holy water in the river. The students combined acting and technical talents to present a consistently rousing show.

Wall-to-wall children screamed in delight and fear as the three brothers confronted frightening situations designed to discourage them on their perilous journey.

Cathy Peters played Forest Spirit, the single good force encountered throughout the adventure, but her power was inhibited by the Southwind.

Alan Lee and Ron Mayer portrayed Hans and Schwartz, the two brothers whose greedy and evil dispositions catch up with them. Schwartz was unable to complete the journey as forest devils, servants of the Southwind, turned him to stone, a special effect displayed brilliantly by the theatre crew. Hans was also turned to stone, but not before reaching the Golden River.

Will Sutton played the hero, Gluck, the butt of his brothers' ill-natured jokes.

A touch of romance brightened the story with Mariella, acted by Renee Bertrand, the object of Hans' amorous intentions. She followed the brothers into the forest fearing for their lives.

As all good fairy tales should, the story ended on a happy note with everyone apparently about to live happily ever after.

Theatre Arts student Ron Mayer as Schwartz in TheKing of the *Golden River*.

S.A.C. NEWS:
'Atlas' Bash
Don't miss the Annual Christmas Bash at the Atlas Hotel on Friday, Dec. 16th from 12 noon 'til ?????
We're collecting canned foods and toys for CHRISTMAS CHARITIES ...place your gifts under the Christmas Tree in the Library.
VOLUNTEERS...
Anyone wishing to help with a Blood Donor Clinic on Friday, January 6th, contact Greg Bevan in the SAC Office...as soon as possible.
The Merriest Christmas and Happiest New Year
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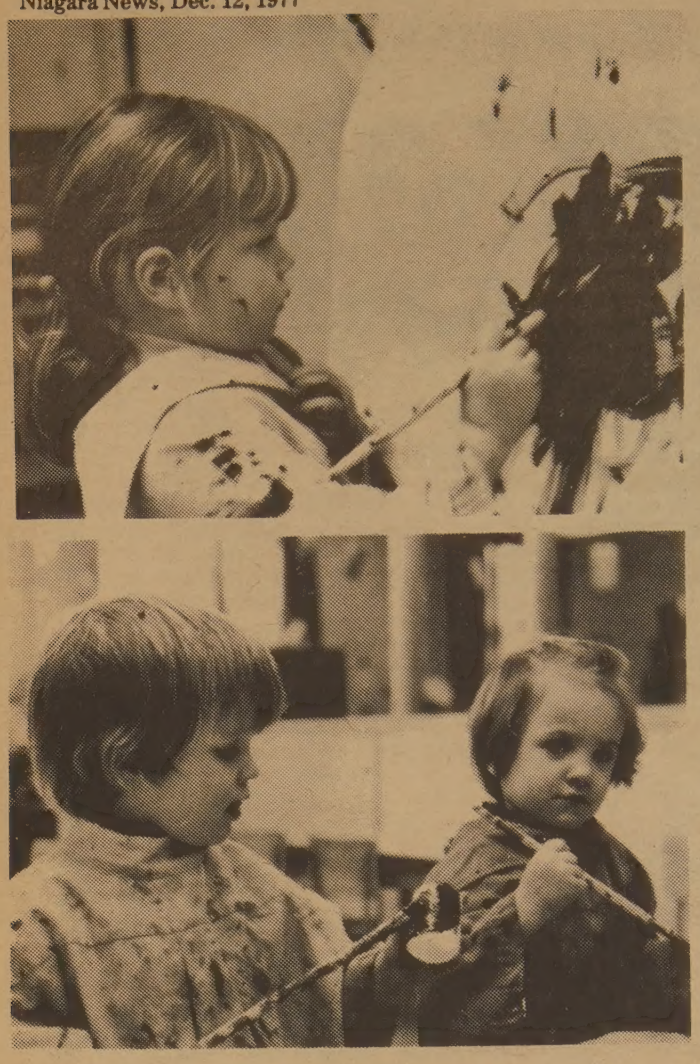

Budding Rembrandts

These young budding artists from the Early Childhood Education Centre are making Christmas decorations for the tree SAC has placed in the library. The children hung the decorations Dec. 7 and 8.
(Photo by Kelly)

Task Force

Live concerts, arts and culture to be part of NC atmosphere

By EUGENE FELTON

Live concerts, arts and culture should all be on the upswing at Niagara thanks to a new group of concerned faculty and students who plan to bring changes to the campus atmosphere.

Task force on the Arts is the name of the group which is the brainchild of John Giancarlo, dean of applied arts and first chairman of the task force.

"We have an excellent cross-section of people working together from all five schools of the college," Mr. Giancarlo said.

The task force is divided into three committees. The Celebrate Canada committee is responsible for planning and carrying out the multicultural festival of the same name. Promotion of music is trying to bring in different kinds of musical groups to give students a chance to sample something other than rock and roll. The visual arts committee has been formed to combat the mess made of Niagara College walls by the indiscriminate use of posters by putting up original art in their place.

CELEBRATE CANADA

Gail Hilyer, chairperson of the extension division, is supervising the Celebrate Canada Festival which will be held in March. An unqualified success last year, the festival 'celebrates Canada' through a three-day presentation of ethnic crafts, songs and dancing.

"It is an opportunity for students and the community to get involved in the crafts, songs and dances of their heritage," Ms Hilyer said. "Participation is the key in this kind of event and we are wide open to any ethnic group." She asked that anyone interested get their ideas in now.

"There are hundreds and hundreds of hours involved in planning the festival and there is room for help," she said. A Celebrate Canada hot line has been established for those wishing information on the festival. Carol Bauer is the person to call at extension 219.

MUSIC, MUSIC

The promotion of a music sub-committee has already made its presence felt this year. Two concerts by Symphonia, a 13-man musical ensemble made up of St. Catharines Symphony Orchestra musicians were held in the Hamilton Room in October. Attendance was small, however, and although the size of the audience doubled for the second concert, there has not been enough interest to sponsor Symphonia for a regular series of on campus concerts during the coming year. Dave Davies, chairman of human development and head of the music sub-committee, said he hoped SAC would consider sponsoring at least one symphonic concert.

"A symphonia concert is an educational experience," Mr. Davies said. "The conductor takes it on himself to explain exactly what's going on to the audience. It costs Symphonia $500 every time they stage a concert here. If SAC would sponsor one, it could be very valuable for any students attending."

Classical concerts are not the only thing on the music sub-committee's agenda. Folk, bluegrass and rock are "possibilities being looked into," Mr. Davies said.

VISUAL ARTS

The visual arts committee was formed under instructor Tom Fraser to combat the unsettling combination of dreary grey walls and posters indiscriminately plastered around the college. Works of art will soon be going up on the walls to combat the blahs and provide some competition for the mess of posters.

Feel like getting involved? Mr. Giancarlo has promised that there will be more than adequate student representation on all three committees, and there is a place on the task force for anyone who would like to contribute.

Laryat Sam

Country rock band hopes to play at NC

By LIZ MATHIAS

Laryat Sam, a top country rock group from Raleigh, North Carolina, has made country rock fans out of people who did not know they were.

The group recently performed a week's engagement at a popular night spot in Niagara Falls, Ont.

This is the first time Laryat Sam has reached outside the United States. "We are trying to get our name and our music spread around," Steve Tate, 32, the group's manager, said. "We want people to turn on to our kind of music and we want to be recognized for our talents."

They are not hill-billy country folk, singing through their noses, but young talented vocalists and musicians who play a fusion of rock and country music. They have packed every place they have played in from North Carolina to Port Colborne, whether it's at a neighborhood bar or university concert.

Members of the group are: Eric Herbert, 27, lead guitar, lead vocalist, banjo and song writer; Larry Hamilton, 33, six and 12-string guitar and song writer; Bill Howell, 26, pedal steel guitar, mandolin, flute, dobro and lead guitar; Robert Shanks, 26, drums, harmonica; Richard Austin, 33, bass guitar; and Nathan Milner, 23, sound engineer.

Their originals are sophisticated musical compositions with moving lyrics.

This is their first trip to Niagara Falls. "This is the first time we've ever seen anything so big," Steve said. "Everyone we've met has been real nice to us, especially Fargo."

Fargo is a popular Niagara peninsula country rock group who discovered the talents of Laryat Sam when they were on a holiday in Virginia Beach. Fargo made arrangements with a local hotel to have them perform and six weeks later Laryat Sam arrived in the Falls in their converted Greyhound bus.

They put on the best show Niagara has seen in a long time. They plan to come back in the spring when they will do a tour of Ontario.

Laryat Sam is the top group in Virginia for country rock music. They have done many college concerts in the southeast and describe themselves as being at their best when doing concerts.

On stage, the group performs as a unit with an ease that can often catch the audience off guard, changing easily from soft romantic sounds of the Eagles' "Desperado" to the Flying Burreto's "Devil in Disguise".

"The group fell together 2½ years ago like it was a natural thing," Steve said. "Music makes them happy."

They play some music by other people to excite the crowd but primarily concentrate on their own original music.

"So far we have 18 original songs of which any one could become a hit if recorded," Steve said.

Steve said they do many university concerts and would like to play at Niagara College when they return in the spring, if they can arrange it.

NBC tickets to go on public sale

The Niagara Business Club has decided to put on public sale raffle tickets for an all expense paid trip to Florida, Janet Ingham, second year business student, said.

Ticket sales have been slow at the college and its satellites despite vegorous efforts to sell them. Janet said they have set up tables through the school, put up ads and had radio announcements but the students have not been exactly rushing to buy them.

"We have to sell them to be able to give the money to charity," she said. Proceeds will go to Canadian Cancer Society and the price of a ticket is only $1.

Even though $1 for a whole week in Florida seems quite a bargain, so far only 200 of 1,500 tickets have been sold.

The draw will be held on Feb.2 and ticket sales will end Jan.24 The winners will stay at a Hilton hotel for seven days from Feb.25 to March 4 — the mid-winter break.

Leadership courses

Newly-elected student councils in the western region will have a chance to learn about leadership starting next year.

Anthony Manera, Niagara's president, is arranging to have a meeting of student council presidents of the six colleges in the western region next year at Conestoga College in Kitchener. The meeting will be a weekend leadership seminar after student council elections.

Howdy Rowdy club plans to go to disco

The Howdy Rowdy gang is at it again. President of the club, Bob Merrill, has arranged to open Charlie Chan's Disco in St. Catharines on a Monday, a night it is usually closed. The club will charge an admission fee of 25 cents for members on Dec. 19 for a night of music, fun and dancing.

Tony Vizzari, the first year business student in charge of festivities, said they hope to have a large crowd because the school term is over and people will have all week to recuperate. Several students from the Welland campus and the Mack School said they would be there.

The Howdy Rowdy Club is running an ad in the Niagara News and posters went up around the college on Thursday.

"They are very original posters," Tony said. He designed the posters and says there will be some fun on Dec. 19. He would only hint at large T-shirts, pretty girls and balloons when asked what as planned for entertainment.

Bring your best picture to first photo contest

Everyone likes to take pictures and everyone takes a superb picture occasionally.

The Photo Club is giving students, staff, employees and alumni members a chance to show their best pictures and have them judged in a photo contest. The Niagara College First Annual Photo Contest will be judged in March in three categories.

To qualify, pictures must be prints in black and white and/or color, be eight by 10 inches and mounted, and be previously unpublished (except in school newspapers or magazines).

The overall winner will receive $50 and a trophy to keep for a year; first place prize in each category is $25 and a trophy to keep; second and third prizes in each category are trophies to keep. All winners must waive the right to further compensation for publication.

The three categories to be judged are photo journalism, nature and portraiture. The contest is open to amateurs only and limited outside entries will be accepted if insufficient entries are received from the college.

Tennis champ to teach at NC

Jim Doerr, Canada's junior tennis champion, will teach tennis with Tim Pichyl at the indoor courts at the Niagara Regional Exhibition building as part of Niagara's community education program.

Advance clinics will be held in late December and January, Dr. Eric Robinson, chairman of community education, said.

Cross-country skiing will be expanded. Weekend trips and overnight camp-outs are in the planning stage, Dr. Robinson said.

Christmas Greetings

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WE HOPE YOU, AND ALL YOU HOLD DEAR, A VERY JOYFUL HOLIDAY.
MAY IT BE GRACED WITH HEALTH, HAPPINESS AND PEACE.

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